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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wesleyan College Alumnae Association. Whether you graduated many years ago or very recently, chances are good that you still recall our special candlelighting ceremony, including the Benson Charge.

In that ceremony, we all made this public commitment: "We accept the responsibilities of alumnaehood and pledge to ourselves, as did the class of 1859, to contribute to the strength and prosperity of our Alma Mater." Indeed, alumnae throughout Wesleyan's history have fulfilled this pledge faithfully by making the College one of their priorities, giving generously to our alma mater year after year. These gifts have sustained the Wesleyan experience for all who follow us, and we are so very grateful.

Cindy Wright and I, along with many of our classmates, recited that Benson Charge together in the spring of 1975. And despite our unsuccessful efforts a few hours later to put the bill for our celebratory lunch on the Benson Charge, most of us actually have taken its words to heart. I urge you to join Cindy and me in honoring today's students with a gift to Wesleyan's Annual Fund, helping to ensure the continuation of our existing programs and provide institutional scholarships for our bright and talented students. Every gift counts – no matter the size – because when all of us give, our collective contribution makes a truly significant difference. Acceptable becomes outstanding, and our students receive the very best.

The generous support of alumnae and friends makes today's Wesleyan experience stronger than ever. Thank you for helping us continue to prosper. Charge!

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# Cynthia D. Wright '75

As Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Cynthia D. Wright '75 presides over Georgia's busiest trial court of general jurisdiction. Appointed to the Court by then Governor Zell Miller in 1996, this Golden Heart has held the position of chief judge since 2010. The Fulton Superior Court serves the county's almost one million residents. It comprises both the Atlanta Judicial Circuit and the fifth Judicial District, Georgia's only single-county judicial circuit and district. Since her initial appointment Cindy has been elected to four terms without opposition. Prior to assuming her judgeship on the Superior Court, she served as a judge of the State Court of Fulton County.

At the time of her election as chief judge, Cindy said her priorities would include working with the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and the State legislature to address the pressing fiscal needs of the County and the State and to develop a better working relationship with all Fulton County justice system partners. "If we join hands with each other, we can't point fingers," she said.

The Fulton County Superior Court now operates a variety of innovative programs, including a specialized Family Court, Business Court, and Drug Court. In an *Atlanta Business Chronicle* article, Cindy stated that one of her objectives as chief judge of the Superior Court was to provide greater transparency and accountability to taxpayers and funders through the production of statistical data. "It is my hope that by 'opening the books' of the judiciary, voters will have a tool by which to measure a judge's productivity." She went on to say that

she hoped to remove the mystery of the judiciary so that the processes are transparent "even though our robes are opaque."

That sort of humor would not surprise Cindy's classmates who recall her as the mastermind behind the lyrics and dialogue of the Golden Heart '75 STUNTS. Friends have described the history/political science major as "wickedly brilliant" and "adventurous." Always a prodigy, Cindy entered Wesleyan after just three years of high school and graduated *magna cum laude* in three years as well, beginning law school at the University of Georgia in the fall of 1974. While in law school, Cindy pursued her interest in politics, public policy, and law in an internship with then Senator Sam Nunn. She also campaigned for Jimmy Carter in his winning 1976 New Hampshire presidential primary race.

Immediately following law school, Cindy served as a research assistant with the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government. From there, she joined Governor George Busbee's staff as assistant legal counsel. At the end of Governor Busbee's second term, Cindy entered private practice with the law firm of Troutman Sanders and later was a partner in the law firm of Corlew, Smith, and Wright. Cindy returned to the Governor's Office in 1991 to serve as chief legal counsel for Governor Zell Miller during his first term (1991-1995). During that time she authored the legislation and constitutional amendment that established the Lottery for Education.

Lawdragon, a guide to the nation's best lawyers and judges, selected Cindy as one of the 500 Leading Judges in America. In 2011, the Family Law Section of the Atlanta Bar Association presented her with the Families First Award. The Family Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia awarded her the 2006 Jack P. Turner Professionalism Award for "outstanding contributions and achievement" in family law. At the time, Cindy was cited as "a judge with unflinching integrity; a no-nonsense judge; a judge who loves the job of being judge; a judge who treats attorneys, parties, and witnesses with absolute respect, uncommon courtesy, and total impartiality; a judge who knows the law and applies it fairly; and a judge who allows the clients and attorneys their day in court." Cindy was recognized by the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association in 1995 with an Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement in a Profession.

In spite of the accolades she has received, Cindy manages to keep things in perspective. She recalls a case years ago that involved a gentleman from India. "He actually was an attorney in India but in the United States was selling rugs. Apparently, in India they address their judges as 'Your Lordship.' After several days of hearing the case and constantly hearing myself referred to not as 'Your Honor,' but as 'Your Lordship,' I walked into my office at the end of a long day and my secretary told me my crown was here. I asked her several times, 'my crown?' I'm thinking 'Lordship' all the way. Finally, quite exasperated, my secretary said, 'Your dentist called – your crown is here!' Moral of that story: Never take your title too seriously!"

# WESLEYAN WOMEN IN LAW



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*"A career in law can enable you to be a force for good in your community. For me, that involves helping victims of crime. For other lawyers, it may mean helping a parent collect child support, helping the elderly with their estates, or helping disabled people get the support they are entitled to under the law. Law is no longer a 'man's profession'. Women are judges, district attorneys, public defenders, partners in big law firms, and solo practitioners.*

*My desire to make a difference is fulfilled through the law."* - MARY MITCHELL MCKINNON '97

From the time Catherine Brewer Benson graduated from Wesleyan in 1840 and continuing well into the twentieth century, few women were seeking higher education, and those who were mostly chose historically "female majors" like education and social work. Upon graduation, they were confronted with the dilemma of choosing between domesticity and work outside the home. Even fewer women attempted to enter a "man's profession" such as medicine or law. As a matter of fact, at the turn of the nineteenth century, most states banned women from practicing law claiming they did not have the mentality for the profession.

According to the American Bar Association, there were a total of 122,149 licensed lawyers in America in 1910. By that time only three states in the Union did not allow women to practice. One of those states was Georgia. Trailblazer Minnie Hale Daniel, the first woman to graduate from a Georgia law school, was determined to change the system. It took her five years of fighting the Georgia Legislature, but in 1916 she finally won her battle when the Women's Lawyer Bill was passed, opening the doors for women to practice law in Georgia.

The Bill passed right on time for Wesleyan graduate Viola Ross Napier, Class of 1901. In 1919, Viola's conventional way of life as a homemaker and mother changed dramatically when the flu epidemic took her Macon-lawyer husband and her father-in-law, one of Macon's original founders. Finding herself suddenly alone with four children to support, she began studying law at Judge E. W. Maynard's Night School and passed the bar exam in 1920. But even with the newly-won Women's Lawyer Bill, law was still considered an unsuitable career for women, and none of Macon's respectable

firms would hire Viola as an associate. Not one to be dissuaded, this Wesleyan woman opened her own practice and went on to become the *FIRST* female lawyer to argue a case before the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court.

Thirty years later, in 1950, the total number of licensed lawyers in America had almost doubled to 221,602, and Wesleyanne Thelma (Ted) Dillard Ethridge '46 was counted among them. Ted graduated from Wesleyan with a major in history just one month after her eighteenth birthday. With the childhood dream of practicing law and with the support of her parents, Ted never even considered whether or not she could become a lawyer. She applied to The University of Georgia School of Law, was quickly accepted, and along with three other females and a roomful of men, began her journey into the legal profession. UGA offered an accelerated program to accommodate a large number of students returning to college after the war. Ted joined the program and graduated in August 1948 at the age of twenty. Among the first twenty or so women to earn a law degree from UGA, Ted recalled, "we were plowing new ground."

After graduation, Ted married John Ethridge and they moved to Atlanta where Ted worked as the only female lawyer in the Fulton County Juvenile Court for almost five years. Later, the couple moved to Elberton, Georgia, where they practiced law together for fifty years.

During the 1960s and 1970s women began making great strides in studying traditionally male-dominated majors like medicine and law. By the early 1970s, women made up about ten percent of first-year American law students. Since then, women have entered the legal profession in dramatic

numbers, accounting for most of its growth. Women, for the most part, have entered the profession without displacing men, and, therefore, without disturbing the male dominated power structure. Studies have shown that since the early 1970s virtually all expansion in the numbers of lawyers admitted to the bar has been due to the increase in female students. According to Susan Pyeatt Kimmey '71, when she entered law school at Mercer University in 1978, about a third of her classmates were women.

Annetta (Ann) Zimmerman Elliott '67 graduated from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham in 1979 with very few women in her classes. Ann began her career as the only female in the Jefferson County District Attorney's (JCDA) office among at least twenty male lawyers. Ann believes she was only the third female prosecutor in the JCDA's office where she tried all types of felony cases from theft to rape to murder. Later, she went into private practice as a civil litigator and also served for fifteen years as City Prosecutor for Hoover, Alabama. She was the city's *FIRST* female prosecutor. When Ann retired from private practice in 1999, all of her law partners were males, but she said, "I always thought being a woman served to my advantage in the courtroom."

When Priscilla "Pris" Gautier Bornmann '68 graduated from Wesleyan, she considered law school but instead earned a master's degree in family economics. In 1983, practicing law was still on her mind, so she enrolled in American University Washington College of Law (an outgrowth of Washington College of Law, the first law school established by and for women in the United States). Today, Pris is a partner with the law firm of Cyron and Miller in Alexandria, Virginia.

Bryndis W. Roberts '78 earned a JD from UGA in 1981. Today she is a partner in the law firm of Jenkins & Roberts in College Park, Georgia, and is admitted to practice in all Georgia state courts, the United States District Courts for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Georgia, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Prior to joining the firm, Bryndis worked as the vice president for legal affairs at the University of Georgia and as an assistant attorney general for the State of Georgia. She is a past chairman of the Review Panel of the Disciplinary Board of the State Bar of Georgia and a past chairman of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy.

In 1982, for the first time, more women earned bachelor degrees than men. By 1985, the total number of licensed attorneys in America was 653,686. Thirty-four percent of new entrants to the profession were women, but only twelve percent of the total lawyer population was female. Wesleyan women like Lisa Morgan Edwards '87 were well prepared to become leaders in the field.

Lisa began practicing insurance defense litigation with the Macon firm of Martin, Snow, Grant & Napier. In 2010, nineteen years later, she and former partner David Bullard, opened a plaintiff's practice specializing in civil litigation. Their thriving practice represents clients in personal injury and workers' compensation claims. Lisa claims she has found that to a certain degree jurors tend to empathize with women lawyers and that male attorneys underestimate her abilities as a trial lawyer in and out of the courtroom, which works to her clients' advantage.

When Deborah Stevenson Moses '89 entered Wesleyan, her plans were to go to medical school. However, deciding that the sciences were not her strong suit, she changed her major to English and her post-graduate goal to law school. After graduating from Vanderbilt Law School in 1992, Debbie took a job with Miller & Martin in Chattanooga. In 1995 she moved to Atlanta and accepted a position at Sullivan, Hall, Booth & Smith (now Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover), which was best known for medical malpractice defense. At that time, there was one female partner and no female associates at the firm. Debbie was named partner in 1999 and was the only female

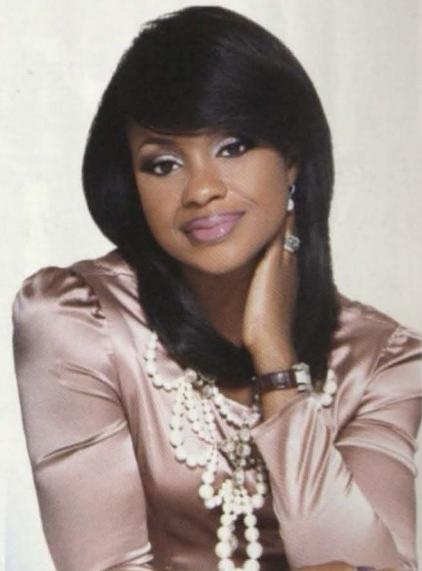
partner. She began representing Piedmont Hospital (now Piedmont Healthcare) which encompasses five hospitals and roughly 400 employed physicians. Since August of 2007, she has managed all claims and litigation related to Piedmont Healthcare and its employees and also serves as a legal resource on risk related issues.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 157 million women in America, outnumbering men by 5.2 million. Today women account for almost sixty percent of undergraduates and graduate students in the arts and sciences. More women aged twenty-five and older have earned high school diplomas and hold bachelor, associate, and master degrees than men. Although men still outnumber women in medical and law school by a small percentage, there are more women lawyers now than ever before.

In addition to being a partner at Pavese Law Firm in Lee County, Florida, Alison Charney Hussey '93 serves as a Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator. As far back as Alison can remember, she wanted to become an attorney. In high school and college, she worked for law firms and for the Lee County Clerk's Office, which provided invaluable behind-the-scenes experience in the legal world. Understanding the mechanics of the courthouse as well as the players, she said, gave her a distinct advantage when she graduated from Walter F. George School of Law of Mercer University.

Alison's advice to students considering a career in law is "be ready to adjust your thinking. The law is dynamic and ever changing. It is a challenge every single day. I practice law for a different reason today than when I first started. The constant for me is that I've always wanted my legal career to benefit my clients and be fair to all involved. At the end of the day," she said, "I want to be remembered as a good person who made a positive influence in the world."

Also from the Class of 1993, Georgia Super Lawyer Phaedra Parks has been successful in transitioning her savvy as a highly visible entertainment lawyer in Atlanta, representing such artists as Too \$hort, Jermaine Dupri, and Bobby Brown, into her own starring role on the wildly popular television reality show, *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*. Phaedra is managing partner for The Parks Group, a



Phaedra Parks '93

boutique law firm that focuses on contract negotiation, civil litigation, and criminal defense. She has served as a legal analyst for NBC and FOX News, and she has been on infotainment television programs such as *Entertainment Tonight*, *Celebrity Justice*, and *Extra* for her handling of several high-profile clients and cases.

According to Phaedra, "Melinda Gates once said, 'A woman with a voice is by definition a strong woman.' Attending a women's college gives every girl the strength to realize her goals and make her dreams a reality. Wesleyan gave me the opportunity to be a leader, which in turn gave me the strength to excel as a lawyer, activist, and philanthropist."

Sherry Virginia Neal '96 had planned on being a doctor, so when she came to Wesleyan she majored in biology. During her junior year, however, Sherry began to doubt that medicine was the right fit for her. That summer she interned with then Senator Sam Nunn in Washington, D.C. and was instantly interested in the legislative process. Inspired by her mother, Gail Merritt Travillian '91, who graduated from Georgia State University College of Law in 1993, Sherry decided to pursue law at the University of Georgia. "Because of my mother, I had a second-hand knowledge of the law school experience and the first years of law practice," said Sherry. "The best thing about a liberal arts education is that it prepares students to pursue just about any career path." (Gail recently retired from serving twelve years as Assistant District Attorney in the Griffin Judicial Circuit.)

**"The practice of medicine  
is an art, not a trade;  
a calling, not a business;  
a calling in which your  
hand will be exercised equal  
with your head."**

*Sir William Osler*

**E**nrich us, Dr. Austin and Mr. Thompson,  
the world for self-sacrifice necessary  
for hospital. In the fall of 1939, the  
Philadelphia Foundation Building Fund -  
the Weston Garrison - in 1940 the  
Philadelphia Hospital School of Nursing  
presented to modern  
nurses, schools from  
the world, health.



Sherry began her career as a litigator with a large firm in Atlanta but quickly learned she enjoyed the pro bono adoption work she was doing through Atlanta Legal Aid Society (ALAS) far more than the work she did for pay. So she went to ALAS and ran its adoption program for four years before going into practice for herself. Sherry's husband, Dan, joined her in private practice in 2007. Today Dan specializes in commercial real estate and business transaction work, and Sherry handles adoption cases. Recently, Sherry formed the Georgia Council of Adoption Lawyers, an agency that helps her stay connected with colleagues so they can work closely as a support system for each other.

Growing up in Cordele, Georgia, Mary Mitchell McKinnon '97 was fascinated with television shows like *Perry Mason* and *Matlock*. She remembers going to Girl Scout camp and choosing to take a class about law. The counselors and volunteers helped campers perform a mock trial, and Mary served in the role of assistant district attorney. In high school, she joined the mock trial team, and during her senior year the team won the state championship. She interned at the Bibb County District Attorney's Office where she was involved in establishing a child advocacy center in Bibb County. After observing a number of child victim cases, Mary began to think about the good she could do for child victims as an assistant D.A.

While in law school at Mercer University, Mary continued gaining experience through several internships. Shortly after graduation, she became an assistant D.A. in Swainsboro trying felony cases in Superior Court - everything from armed robbery to drugs to burglary and theft - a position she held for over ten years. She also served as the primary prosecutor for child victim cases. Mary is trained to interview children using methods that will make their experiences in the courtroom go as smoothly as possible. In 2008, she became the Assistant D.A. for Juvenile Court in all five counties of the Middle Judicial Circuit.

Surrounded by a family of lawyers, Kendra Biggs Therrell '97 knew early on that she wanted to enter a profession where she could help people. As a psychology major at Wesleyan, Kendra became involved with issues affecting women and children. Her focus continued in law school at the University of Florida. Following

graduation, Kendra went to work as an assistant state attorney in Orlando where she spent a majority of her time prosecuting sex crimes and child abuse cases. During nearly five years with that office, she tried over forty-five complex jury trials to verdict. After leaving the State Attorney's Office, Kendra practiced with Florida's Department of Children and Families as a senior attorney, and later received an appointment by the Chief Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit to the quasi-judicial position of hearing officer where she presided over Title IV-D child support cases. Today Kendra is practicing insurance defense with the law office of Kubicki Draper.

According to the American Bar Association, in 2010 there were 1,203,097 total licensed lawyers in America, and women accounted for 31.5 percent of that number. Women accounted for forty-nine percent of the 43,518 students who began law school in 2010. Simply put, women want to practice law and they are not easily intimidated. Women have found their voices and are making their way into district attorney offices and private practices in record numbers.

Since she was a high school student in her homeland of Jamaica, Christine Saunders Forsythe '05 knew that she wanted to be a lawyer and set a very deliberate path to accomplish that goal. At Wesleyan, Christine majored in communication and minored in English and stayed active in the Student Government Association. Serving as SGA President her senior year she became an advocate for her peers and honed her skills in public speaking. Internships with the Bibb County Indigent Defense Office, the law office of J. Michael Cranford, and a job with the firm King and Spalding further fueled her drive and passion for the legal field.

After being accepted into several prestigious law schools, Christine enrolled at the University of Georgia and graduated in 2009. While at UGA, Christine interned with Sharon W. Ware & Associates, Employees of the Corporate Law Department of State Farm Automobile Insurance. It was there that she developed her passion for civil litigation and the in-house law environment. When a position became available at the company, Christine seized the opportunity. "As a young attorney, I appreciate the opportunity this firm affords me to handle my own caseload



Kendra Biggs Therrell '97

and actively practice law. On any given day, I am taking depositions, participating in mediations, conducting client interviews, and trying cases," Christine said.

Morgan Leigh Felts '07 interned with a real estate attorney in high school and quickly realized she wanted to pursue law as a career. Her choice to attend Wesleyan was largely due to the high acceptance rate of Wesleyan graduates by graduate schools. Morgan interned with Macon Attorney J. Michael Cranford which she claimed helped her prepare for law school. She learned terminology and practices that many of her classmates did not know. Morgan became interested in education law and was hired at her current job in Atlanta as a staff attorney for the charter schools division of the Georgia Department of Education right after graduating from UGA in 2010. Regarding being a female lawyer, Morgan said, "There have been times when I felt that the profession still seems to be a man's world, but I'm also pleased to say that those times have been few and far between. Maybe things are really changing."

After years of financial training from her grandfather (son of Annie Lou Lovett, Class of 1903), who taught her how to analyze stock statements and took her on trips to the bank, Amy Fletcher Baggerly '06 announced at the age of fourteen that she wanted to become a financial attorney. In her second semester at Wesleyan, Amy began an internship with Macon CPA and former Wesleyan accounting



Morgan Leigh Felts '07



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# The Dean's Scholars

5 Wesleyan Alumnae receive prestigious scholarships from Mercer University's School of Law

Of the many young Wesleyan alumnae pursuing careers in the field of law, several advanced their careers without leaving Macon through the prestigious Dean's Scholarship program at Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University.

"Being a Dean's Scholar meant that I was able to go to law school right after I graduated from Wesleyan... it meant that I didn't have to put off my dream of becoming a lawyer because of money. It also meant that I would be the first person in my family to go to law school, which made me, my husband, and my entire family very proud," said Mary Beth Barker Tolle '07.

Founded in 1873, the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University is one of the oldest law schools in the United States and the first law school in the state of Georgia accredited by the American Bar Association. The Law School is named after Walter F. George, a 1901 Mercer Law School graduate who became a justice of the Georgia State Supreme Court and later a U.S. Senator.

Through the Mercer University Dean's Scholars program, full-tuition scholarships are awarded to highly qualified applicants who have attended Wesleyan College, Agnes Scott, Albany State, The Citadel, Florida A&M, Furman, Hampton, Millsaps, Morehouse, Spelman, and University of the South. Past recipients have demonstrated academic excellence, exceptional character, and strong leadership abilities.

"I learned about the Dean's Scholarship from Dr. Barbara Donovan, my advisor at Wesleyan," said Mary Beth. "I knew at the time I wanted to go to law school. I have been interested in the law for as long as I can remember. When I was seven or eight, I would play 'court' and walk around with a briefcase at my grandparents' house."

Majoring in political science, Mary Beth graduated from Wesleyan in 2007 and earned her law degree from Mercer University in 2010. Although she aspires to start a legal practice of her own, she currently is a public defender in the

narcotics unit for the Macon Judicial Circuit. "I represent indigent clients in a variety of cases but mostly situations involving drug use. I see my work as more of a mission or a calling than a job. I truly enjoy being able to assist people who cannot afford private counsel. My work is very rewarding."

According to Wesleyan Alumna Sarah Shearouse '04, "a lot of people who attend law school are fulfilling a lifelong dream. I, on the other hand, did not become interested in law until probably my senior year at Wesleyan when I was considering what to do after undergrad. I did, however, always want to be in a profession that would allow me to help others."

"Besides the obvious peace of mind of not having to take out student loans, being a Mercer University Dean's Scholar meant that Ruth Knox (who wrote a recommendation letter for me) and Wesleyan believed in me," said Sarah. "I have always been self-motivated, and I would have worked hard in law school just for myself, but being a Dean's Scholar meant that I was in law school for more than that; I was representing Wesleyan and I was being given the chance to make myself into someone who would be in a position to help people in the most dire of circumstances. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Mercer and give Wesleyan all the credit for getting me there."

Sarah graduated from Mercer's School of Law in 2008 and now is an associate attorney in private practice in a small firm in Canton, Georgia. She also serves as the president of her county's local Bar Association. "My practice consists mainly of juvenile law, but also includes probate law, civil litigation, and family law. I spend the majority of my time as a *guardian ad litem* in juvenile deprivation cases, which means I advocate for the best interests of children who have been placed in the state foster care system."

"I majored in communication and minored in psychology, but I felt every bit as prepared as my classmates in law school who had been political science majors,"

Sarah claimed. "In law school, they tell you that you're learning how to think like a lawyer rather than just learning what the law is – and I think Wesleyan did something similar."

Mary Beth Tolle agreed. "Wesleyan prepared me for the challenge and pressure of law school," she said. "Any Wesleyan student knows that our classes are reading-heavy and writing-intense and that is exactly what one needs to succeed in law school. I felt that I was far more adequately prepared for the fast-paced world of law school than many of my colleagues, especially those who went to non-liberal arts colleges."

Amanda Gluck Steger graduated *magna cum laude* from Wesleyan in 2004 with majors in English and history/political science before advancing to Mercer's School of Law on the Dean's Scholarship. She graduated from Mercer in 2007 and, in 2009, married one of her law school classmates. "Being a Dean's Scholar was and still is a huge honor," she said. "Without it, I would not have been able to engage in many of the community service projects and indigent defense clinics that were offered through the Mercer curriculum."

Amanda currently works within the Social Security Administration, serving as the Senior Attorney Advisor for the Office of Disability, Adjudication, and Review. "My career goal is to continue in the practice of law and make a positive impact on my community. I have been able to work exclusively in the public interest sector of law, which is a direct result of the opportunities that the Dean's Scholar program afforded me while in law school." Amanda maintained, however, that it was her Wesleyan experience that taught her to lead, serve others, and push harder. "A Wesleyan education demands that you give nothing less than your all, and then some," she said.

Other Wesleyan alumnae who received the Dean's Scholarship at Mercer University include Melissa Roberts Mancini '99 and Cassidy Flake '06.



ACCORDING TO STEPHANIE THINGS HAVE CHANGED FOR WOMEN IN THE COURTROOM IN THE NEARLY 30 YEARS SHE'S BEEN IN PRACTICE. WHEN SHE FIRST STARTED OUT AS AN ATTORNEY, THERE WAS ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF WOMEN DOING STAND UP TRIAL WORK IN FRONT OF JURIES. TODAY, IT ISN'T AT ALL UNUSUAL TO SEE A WOMAN ARGUING BEFORE THE JURY, SHE SAID. THERE ARE ALSO MORE FEMALE JUDGES, WHICH HAS HELPED LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD IN THE COURTROOM.

## Top Female Trial Attorney: Jones Day's Stephanie Parker

By Amanda Bransford

Law360, New York (May 17, 2012, 4:55 PM ET)  
Jones Day partner Stephanie Parker doesn't fit the image of the barracuda you might expect to find in charge of courtroom defense for a major tobacco company, but those who have worked with her say her genuine character and ability to relate to people are the keys to her success.

Parker wins over juries — in cases ranging from wrongful death suits against R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. to major public corruption cases to a toxic tort suit over dioxin against Georgia-Pacific Corp. — with a natural credibility and a gift for connecting with listeners, observers say.

"She's a very believable person and comes across as very sincere and very honest. She's got a great ability to relate to people at all levels, which is part of her magic in connecting with juries," Robert Klonoff, the current dean of Lewis & Clark Law School who previously worked with Parker, said.

This magic is one of the attributes that landed Parker a place among Law360's Top 15 Female Trial Attorneys, and has also garnered Parker significant wins: of the more than 20 trials in which the Atlanta-based lawyer has headed up the defense, only one resulted in a final judgment for the opposing side.

Parker credits her success at trial in part to how much she enjoys the work.

"If you don't love what you're doing, you're not going to be as good at it," she said.

Parker said she particularly values the opportunity she gets to work with people as a litigator. She always looks for the human story that is at the center of every case, which enables her to connect with the people in the courtroom.

"It's important to be able to understand what the human element is and to be able to explain that to a jury," she said.

Parker got a taste for trial work early on when she took class in trial advocacy while she was at Vanderbilt Law School. She clerked for a judge for two years after finishing law school in 1984, getting an idea of the storytelling skills trial attorneys need and observing how great lawyers zero in on issues that are going to resonate with the jury.

The first case she worked on as an attorney was an exciting one. She was on the team defending Georgia's Douglas County School District in a First Amendment case over the school's practice of delivering an invocation before football games. As a member of the trial team, part of Parker's role was to attend

the high school games and record the invocation. The Supreme Court reviewed a very similar case shortly after the Douglas County case was decided.

Thoroughly inspired, Parker went on to develop an accomplished trial career, including extensive experience defending product liability and mass tort cases along with white collar criminal matters and high-profile public corruption cases.

For over 10 years, Parker has served as lead trial counsel for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. She is currently leading the litigation for Reynolds' so-called "Engle progeny" cases in Florida, which involve over 9,000 plaintiffs.

The Engle progeny suits stem from the Florida Supreme Court's decision in *Engle v. Liggett Group Inc.*, a class action originally filed in May 1994 on behalf of about 100,000 smokers who said tobacco companies had enticed them to become addicted to nicotine without warning of the potential dangers of smoking.

In 2006, the Florida Supreme court decertified the class of Florida smokers because the group was too diverse, but stipulated that each class member could file his or her own suit with certain findings from the classwide phase of the trial upheld. The Engle progeny plaintiffs say that those findings preclusively

establish some of the elements of their individual claims against the tobacco company defendants, which make the cases particularly hard for the companies to win.

Parker recently represented Reynolds successfully in *Gollihue v. R.J. Reynolds*, the first Engle progeny suit to be tried all the way to verdict in federal court, though more than 50 of the suits have been tried in state court. After a Jacksonville, Fla., trial that lasted more than 80 days, the Gollihue jury returned a verdict February 16 in favor of the company.

Parker was also head trial attorney in *Gelep v. R.J. Reynolds*, the first Engle progeny trial that ended in a complete verdict in favor not just of R.J. Reynolds, but of any tobacco company.

According to Parker, her technique at trial in the Engle progeny cases has been to appeal to the jury's fair judgment.

"Juries understand that these plaintiffs — the smokers or their families — have made a choice and the awareness has been out there. Smokers have made a choice that they want to smoke, knowing the health consequences," she said.

Jurors generally want to do what they believe is right and what they believe is fair, Parker said. The attorney said she has utmost faith in the jury system, believing it to be the reason why the U.S. has the best judicial system in the world.

Klonoff said that Parker's ability to talk to everyone in the same way — be they judge, jury member or opposing counsel — serves her well in the tobacco trials. Juries, who may view corporations with suspicion and may not have a lot of sympathy for the conduct tobacco companies are accused of, are drawn in by Parker's honesty.

She doesn't come across to juries like she's trying to hide anything, he added.

Mickey Pohl, head of Jones Day's business and tort litigation practice, said he has seen how effective this characteristic is in the courtroom.

He went to watch Parker at trial in a difficult case, he said, where Reynolds was taking on a likeable family who had suffered a tragedy. Parker was cross-examining the relative of someone with serious health problems, and though this might not put her in the best favor with the jury, she behaved professionally and asked nicely the questions the jury wanted the answer to, according to Pohl.

You could see the jury starting to root for her, he said.

"With her composure and the way she carefully dissected the cross-examination of the key witness, you could see the jurors were thinking, 'I really respect this,'" he said.

Pohl described Parker's style as "politely aggressive" and called her a quintessential 21st century litigator, saying that society has evolved past the idea that a trial attorney has to be a big powerful man with a booming voice.

Parker agreed that things have changed for women in the courtroom in the nearly 30 years she's been in practice. When she first started out as an attorney, there was only a small number of women doing stand up trial work in front of juries. Today, it isn't at all unusual to see a woman arguing before the jury, she said. There are also more female judges, which has helped level the playing field in the courtroom.

One such judge, M. Yvette Miller of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, counts Parker not only as a respected colleague, but also a good friend since the two met on the board of the YWCA over 20 years ago and found they had a lot in common, such as their middle Georgia roots.

Parker has also served as the treasurer on Miller's campaigns for years, including this November's run for re-election. It's a time-consuming task that a lot of busy trial attorneys wouldn't take on, Judge Miller said, but Parker's support has been invaluable to the judge, who said she especially values the attorney's impeccable judgment.

Despite all of her professional success, Parker still makes a lot of time for giving back, Judge Miller said.

"She just has a heart. She has not forgotten about the simple things, the little people," Judge Miller said.

Parker grew up very close to her grandmother and has old-fashioned values and roots, the judge said, in addition to very contemporary legal expertise. The attorney is always ready to help out her mother, sister, husband and friends, Judge Miller said.

That's not to say that Parker is always nice. She will fight as hard as she can to defend her clients, according to those who have worked with her.

Sean Costello, who was at Jones Day for a number of years and is now managing counsel at Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co., said he never worked harder or had more sleepless nights than when he was on a trial team led by Parker.

Costello said he has never seen anyone prepare harder for a trial than Parker, and while she is a "quintessential Southern lady" — Costello said he has never heard her swear — she also has a strong drive to win under her likeable courtroom style.

"In the courtroom, she's got this girl-scout-with-a-dagger approach," he said.

Parker thinks of the answer before trial to every question she might potentially be asked, said Costello. She has every possible contingency outlined and all the supporting documents organized in binders, but when she's in the courtroom, she doesn't need the outline because she's thought through all the issues so thoroughly, he said.

Parker has a strong character and is a kind and genuine person, Costello said, but she does what it takes for her clients.

"What you see is what you get — except in the courtroom, where you think she's very nice ... but she's really not," he said.

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After graduating from Wesleyan in 1981, Stephanie earned her J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University Law School in 1984. She served as a Wesleyan Trustee for six years and continues to support the College through an endowed scholarship in memory of her grandmother, Ethel Moore Roberts. In 2011, Stephanie was awarded the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association Award for Distinguished Achievement in a Profession.



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# Meet Dean Judy Lott

**BELIEVE. LEARN. SERVE.**

Dr. Judy Wright Lott, DSN, NNP-BC, FAAN, has been named founding Dean of Nursing at Wesleyan College. Dr. Lott brings more than thirty-five years of experience as a nurse, educator, nurse practitioner practice director, researcher, and university dean to Wesleyan's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Most recently, Dr. Lott served as Dean of the Baylor University Louise Herrington School of Nursing.

For Wesleyan's Nursing Program, Dr. Lott stresses the importance of building collaborative relationships with health care facilities in the Macon and Central Georgia area, claiming that establishing them as stakeholders in this new program is instrumental to its success. Preliminary conversations have already paved the way for several area facilities to serve as clinical sites.

"I am most excited about the opportunity to work with the faculty, staff, and students at Wesleyan. It can be a challenge to integrate the needs of professional programs such as nursing into a liberal arts college, but the rewards are well worth the effort. Our goal is to educate high-quality, patient-centered, critical-thinking nurses who can help transform health care throughout our community and state. We are dedicated to fulfilling our nursing program motto: Believe. Learn. Serve." said Dr. Lott.

Prior to her tenure at Baylor, Dr. Lott taught neonatal nurse practitioner (NNP) students at three universities, led two NNP patient care services, authored six books, and published numerous book chapters and articles on neonatal nursing. Currently she is working to complete an extensive rewrite of the fifth edition of her book *Comprehensive Neonatal Nursing Care: A Physiologic Perspective*, which is considered an authoritative text on neonatal nursing.

Dr. Lott is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurses; American Nurses Association; Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses; National Association of Neonatal Nurses; Sigma Theta Tau; Eta Gamma Chapter; and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society among other professional societies. Her many honors include being chosen as one of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing's 60 Visionary Leaders, and she was an invited participant in the Academic Round Table on Women's Issues at the Oxford Round Table, Oxford University, UK, in 2006. Recently, Baylor University created two endowed scholarships in Dr. Lott's name.

Wesleyan College is on target to obtain full approval and accreditation for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program from the Georgia Board of Nursing, American Association of Colleges of Nursing/Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges.

Dean Lott visited the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at The Medical Center of Central Georgia. The Medical Center will serve as one of the clinical sites for Wesleyan nursing students.



# 5 faces of 2012

Of the 2012 graduates who earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Wesleyan, 26% earned double majors and 33% graduated with honors. Top majors for 2012 were: psychology, business administration, biology, and advertising & marketing communication. Roughly 60% of the graduates had secured professional positions in their fields of study and/or had accepted positions in graduate programs prior to commencement.

According to voluntary surveys completed by most graduating seniors, all but three who applied to graduate school programs were accepted, and approximately 88% of those who were accepted got into their first choice program. An estimated 70% of those attending graduate school will immediately begin master's or doctoral programs that represent a broad range of study including neurology/immunology, marketing, clinical psychology, business administration, biomedical sciences, accounting, and child play therapy. Two will be entering pre-med programs.

They're heading off to some of the most prestigious graduate schools in the world. After being accepted into graduate programs at Harvard, Duke, Emory, and Vanderbilt, Debra Carter Williams chose to pursue her master's degree in religion at Yale Divinity School; psychology major Catherine Hathcock chose Florida Institute of Technology to pursue her doctorate in psychology; Kaitlyn Kaye Rentz Lancaster will study at the University of Georgia to earn a master's degree in agricultural education and leadership; and Elizabeth Golden is furthering her art history major at the University of Memphis where she will work toward earning a master's degree in Egyptology/museum studies.

Many Wesleyan graduates enter the workforce with unique qualifications and have combined major and minor programs in ways that separate them from other job-seeking candidates. Double major combinations of 2012 graduates include: international relations and psychology, French and English, philosophy and religious studies,

economics and political science, and educational studies and mathematics. Among those moving directly into the workforce are Kathryn Vann, who will teach elementary students in Houston County, GA; Van Tran, who accepted the position of junior fellow at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and Hana Dunning, who will be working with Homeland Security as a customs and border protection officer. Shristy Chhetri is returning to her native Nepal to work as a research assistant while others will pursue professions in a wide variety of fields including software development, research, and finance.

A few of this year's graduates will delay graduate school and work to pursue internships and summer research programs. In every major field of interest, Wesleyan's rigorous academic program combined with a foundation of faith and service produces graduates unified through engaged leadership and a commitment to pursue more purposeful lives. Meet five faces who represent the Class of 2012...



# Azea **MUSTAF**A

When Azea began considering colleges during high school in Richmond Hill, Georgia, the opportunity to play collegiate sports was extremely important to her. She found that Wesleyan professors were willing to work with her sports schedule, and with their support, Azea became an integral member of the Great South Athletic Conference NCAA Division III All-Academic soccer team, playing all four years. She was also a member of the Pioneers cross country team for three years, and served as secretary for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Azea was honored as Scholar Athlete of the Year for 2008 - 2009.

Playing sports, however, was not the only extracurricular activity in which Azea participated. She volunteered for Macon College's Relay for Life and

WOW! A Day for Macon, participated in Summer Leadership Institute 2011, served in Splinters, WAVE, and as a Junior Marshal. Her academic excellence afforded her membership in the honor societies Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Lambda Delta, where she served as vice president. She also served as president for both Kappa Delta Epsilon and Kappa Mu Epsilon.

As a mathematics and educational studies double major, this Munroe Scholar plans to teach high school in Bibb County. Already she has gained experience by tutoring students through Wesleyan's Academic and Writing Centers. "The thing I love most about teaching is watching my students get excited about learning math. I feel at home in the math classroom," she said. This self-proclaimed "shy girl who had

a lot to say" worked on developing communication skills in order to gain confidence in public speaking. She gives partial credit to her four-year participation in the musical antics of STUNT, something she said she would never have considered at another college.

Azea likes to spend free time with friends and Wesleyan sisters, run, and play soccer, football, and volleyball. This summer she will travel to the University of Alabama to watch the SEC championships for women's softball, and then enjoy a cruise to the Bahamas with her family. After some time away, Azea will be back in Macon as a summer tutor with Stratford Academy's Learning Support Center and working at The Pink Physique All Women's Fitness Gym.

# Catherine CELA

Catherine entered Wesleyan as a Munroe Scholar with plans to major in chemistry, but soon discovered her true passion was theatre. Before Wesleyan, Catherine had no theatre experience, but for several years she took classes in ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, and hip-hop and said dancing on stage must have ignited her love of the limelight. In her sophomore year, Catherine changed her major to theatre and graduated with a double minor in biology and music.

A trip to San Francisco in February to participate in The University/Resident Theatre, the nation's oldest and largest consortium of professional, graduate theatre training programs, was a defining moment in Catherine's life. "It was terrifying and thrilling to go across the country by myself for the first time. I had a blast and learned a lot about myself and my priorities in life," she said.

During spring break, she traveled to Chattanooga to participate in the Southeastern Theatre Conference and auditioned for a number of graduate schools. Callbacks from three prompted her to apply to their acting programs. Long Island University appealed most to Catherine because of its training in the Suzuki method, a physically demanding discipline of actor training. In the fall, Catherine hopes to move to New York and enter the graduate-level actor-training program at LIU, claiming she can hardly wait to live in a city that has 24-hour delivery Chinese restaurants.

Catherine appeared in several Wesleyan theatre productions including *Sez She, BAMBOOZLED!, Vagina Monologues, Medea/Myth, and Princess Ida*. In 2010 and 2011 she directed STUNT for the Green Knights, and in April Catherine was one of four Wesleyan advanced theatre students to serve as director for *KARMA: Student Director's Showcase*. Her other interests on campus included participating in Wesleyan College Soccer, class soccer, CAB, STUNT, and WOW! A Day for Macon, and performing with the Wesleyanne. For her Senior Showcase, Catherine performed selections from *My Fair Lady, Sweeney Todd, A Chorus Line, Kismet*, and others.

According to Catherine, she was tickled pink to graduate. "I feel like I've been working very hard for a very long time, and now it's all about to pay off - I'm on the edge of glory!"



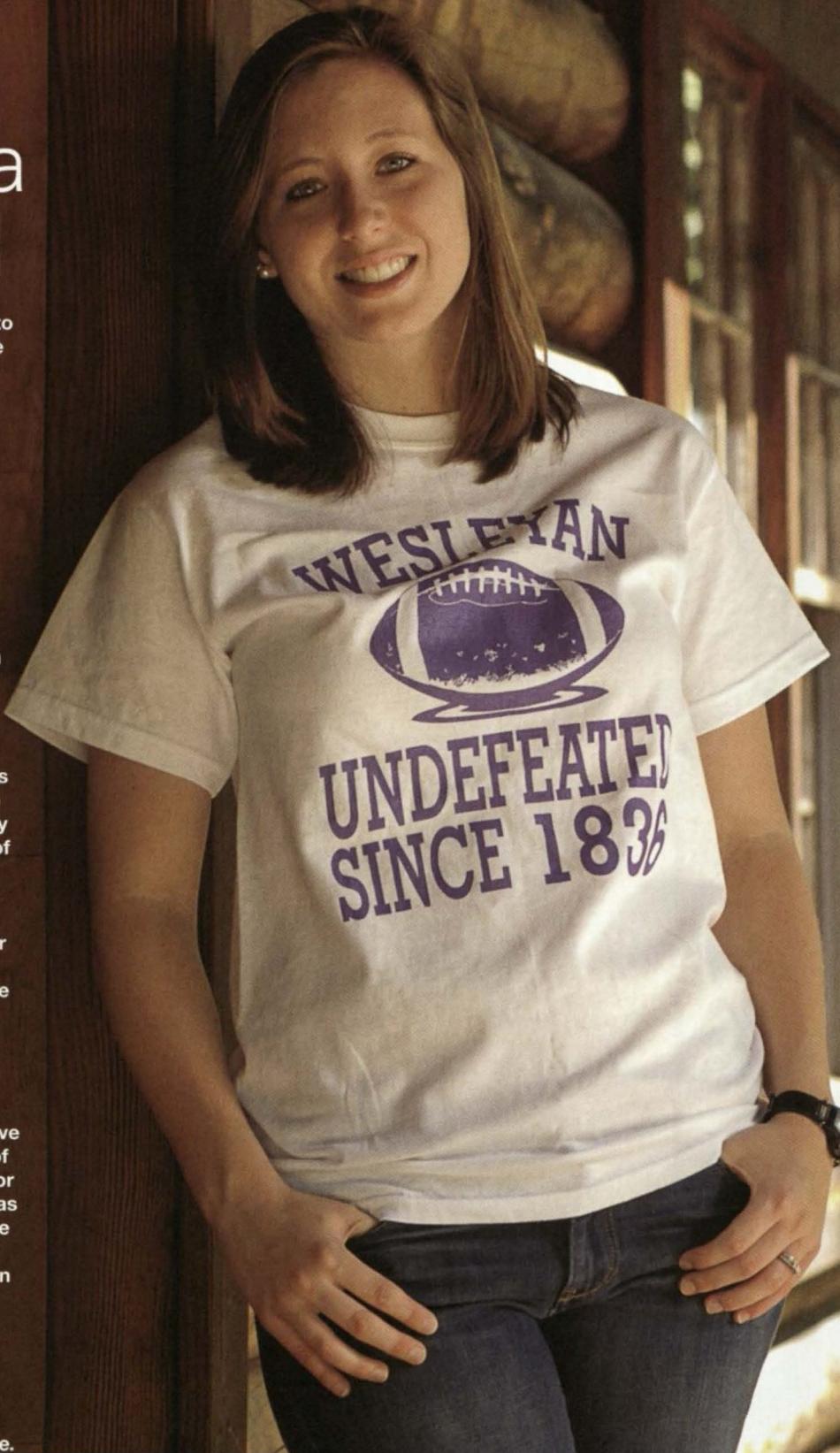
# Alaina Avera HARRISON

When Alaina entered Wesleyan, she had no plans to follow in the footsteps of her father, a pastor in the United Methodist Church. Her plans were to earn a degree in graphic design and eventually start her own firm. But the summer after her freshman year at Wesleyan, Alaina said God pushed her in a different direction. While working as a camp counselor at Epworth By The Sea on St. Simon's Island, Alaina claimed God spoke to her through the campers and told her to go into full time ministry. "I struggled with this calling at first, but finally agreed to go with God's plan. Since that summer God has nearly paved the way for my ministry vocation," Alaina said.

It was during that week at Epworth that Alaina met Greg Harrison. "We met on a Saturday when all the counselors moved in and by the following Friday we were holding hands," Alaina said. The two were married in December 2011. This month, Alaina and Greg will start their full-time internships with Wesley Foundation of Macon and continue to work there throughout the next three years as they both pursue master's degrees at Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

Leadership and participation were an integral part of Alaina's Wesleyan experience. This Mary Knox McNeill and Julia Munroe Woodward scholar earned a double major in advertising/marketing communication and communications and a double minor in art and art history. Her co-curricular activities included serving as co-captain for the NCAA Volleyball Pioneers (where she earned the honor of NCAA Volleyball MVP), as a Wesleyan Disciple, public relations chair for STUNT, vice president of Mortar Board, Wesleyan representative and community chair for the Wesley Foundation of Macon, co-president of Splinters, head marshal for Junior Marshals, and class vice-president. She was also a member of Great South Atlantic Conference All-Academic Team. A member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Alaina ranks among Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, and in April, Alaina received the high honor of being voted Wesleyan Woman of the Year by her Wesleyan sisters.

In her free time, Alaina enjoys ministering to college students and doing almost anything that includes hanging out with her husband, claiming her passions are what drives her to be the best she can be.



# Sujala MAHARJAN



This summer Sujala will travel to Boston and New York before going home to Kathmandu, Nepal, for a month or so to visit and relax. This psychology and international relations double major has a minor in neuroscience and is eager to find a place to live in Boston and begin working in the lab she will join in the fall as she settles in to pursue her Ph.D. in psychology at Brandeis University.

Sujala was the recipient of an International Student Scholarship and a Pierce Leadership Award at Wesleyan. She was on the President's List and the Dean's List, was voted Most Outstanding Member of Wesleyan College Association of Exemplary International Students in 2009, participated in Georgia International Leadership Conference in 2010, Summer

Leadership Institute in 2011, and won the award for Academic Excellence in Psychology in 2012. She was an American Psychologist Association Summer Science Fellow in 2011, and served as a Junior Marshal, a tutor at the Academic Center, vice president of Amnesty International, council member for Honors Program Student Activities Council, and head computer Resident Advisor. Sujala received a Phi Kappa Phi Scholastic Achievement Award, was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Society for academic excellence, and has been nominated to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

As the recipient of a Summer Science Fellowship from the American Psychological Association, Sujala

participated in an internship program at George Mason University. She also interned with Saint Lazarus Behavioral Health, Inc. in Macon, and gave numerous presentations at professional meetings. A leader on campus and off, Sujala volunteered at Crisis Line and Safe House, organized Hidden in Plain Sight, an event dedicated to educating people about sex trafficking in Macon and Atlanta, volunteered for the Sex Trafficking Opposition Project at Mercer University, led Candlelight Vigil and Write-a-Thon campaign for Prisoners of Conscience, and participated in WOW! A Day for Macon.

Sujala enjoys reading psychology magazines and journals and hopes someday her research studies will be published in those same journals.

# Betsy HERLONG

When Elizabeth "Betsy" Herlong returns to Wesleyan for her ten-year reunion, she hopes to be able to tell her Green Knight sisters that she has traveled across Europe and lives in a city like Paris. She would like to be able to say she has taken the lessons she learned at Wesleyan and applied them in her post-college life. "While I think a good-paying job with benefits is important," Betsy said, "I think it will be more important for me to be able to tell my classmates that I am happy and that I've continued to grow as a person."

Betsy is wasting no time getting started on her plans. In the fall, this French and English double major from Memphis will be moving to the Nantes region of France for seven months as an English teacher assistant where she will work with middle or high school students on cultural and conversational activities. Once she returns to the US, she plans to attend graduate school and pursue either international relations/business or a Ph.D. in French literature.

Betsy was a Humanities Scholar and recipient of the Stephen H. Cook Humanities Award, Margaret Pitts Methodist Scholarship, United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Scholarship, R.W. Edenfield Scholarship for English Majors, and Ida C. Nottingham Scholarship. While maintaining her perfect 4.0 GPA, Betsy made the President's List every year at Wesleyan. This Wesleyan Disciple earned membership in Mortar Board, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, served as a Junior Marshal, and as president of the Green Knight Class for three and a half years. Betsy assisted other students as a Writing Center tutor and, in her senior year, served as its first ever student assistant director. Betsy also tutored Stratford Academy high school students in French and English, spent a week in Washington, D.C. with the 2011 Summer Leadership Institute, served as an Orientation Leader in 2010 and 2011, and participated in STUNT all four years. Claiming no athletic abilities whatsoever, Betsy helped the GKs win class soccer the past two years. Betsy was honored at Commencement with the College's first Mary Mildred Sullivan Award for excellence in character, leadership, service to the community, and commitment to spiritual values.

This summer, Betsy will be at home in Memphis. She plans to take her mom's advice to decompress after graduation by floating in the pool for at least a week



# “When you educate a woman, you *educate* and *empower* an entire nation.”

— COMMENCEMENT 2012 SPEAKER FAIDA MITIFU,

AMBASSADOR OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO TO THE UNITED STATES

Wesleyan College's graduating seniors anxiously awaited the call to action and inspiration from commencement speaker Her Excellency Madame Faida Mitifu, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to the United States. On May 5th, Mitifu challenged the Green Knight class to "look forward to the future. Don't compartmentalize yourself to your area of studies. Know that there are so many other possibilities and opportunities out there for you. Learn as much as you can. Be ready to serve your country, be ready to serve and work with your fellow citizens of the world because it is just the right thing to do."

The eldest of ten children, nine girls and one boy, Mitifu was born to an elementary school teacher and a homemaker in Bukavu, Kivu. Coming from a culture where more emphasis was put on the first son, Mitifu felt she was her father's "first son" even after her brother was finally born. "As a first-born I could not allow myself to go wrong, fearing that my younger siblings will walk in my footsteps. I had therefore the responsibility to lead the way for my eight sisters and my brother as well."

Though not highly educated themselves, Mitifu's parents placed great emphasis on education. When her then future husband, Dr. Maurice K. Shalishali, came to ask for her hand in marriage, Mitifu's father asked him to promise that he would never be a hindrance to her studies or professional ambitions and that he would always encourage her to pursue her objectives. Mitifu said that for the past thirty-two years, her loving husband has kept that promise.

Ambassador Mitifu believes that studying in all-girls elementary and secondary schools sealed her confidence and self-esteem, prepared her to better compete with male students in college, and was a stepping stone that eventually propelled her into a male dominated diplomatic career. She received her bachelor of science degree in bio-chemistry education from the National University of Zaire-ISP in Kinshasa, DRC, a master's degree in French studies from Auburn University, and a doctorate in romance languages from the University of Georgia. She is fluent in French, English, Swahili, Lingala, and Shi. Before assuming her current position, Ambassador Mitifu taught French, World literature, and

Francophone literature and culture at Auburn University, the University of Georgia, and Columbus State University.

As the first woman in her country's history to be appointed Ambassador to the United States, Mitifu has served diligently for the past thirteen years. Her appointment came during a crucial time in the history of the DRC. She remembers that the announcement on Congolese national television sent shock waves around her country. "The men in gray were all jumpy and attempted to persuade President Kabila to revisit his decision," she said. "Because the country was at war at the time, it was crucial to send 'strong muscle' to Washington instead of a 'delicate and fragile woman.' President Kabila trusted that I will prove them wrong. He believed in my capacity to convey his vision and help bridge and strengthen relations between the United States and the Democratic Republic of the Congo."

An unabashed supporter of the continent of Africa, Ambassador Mitifu is a strong advocate for African entrepreneurship and economic independence and works closely with Congolese organizations to







fight gender-based violence, to enhance women's participation in economic and political processes, and to engage women on issues ranging from human rights to the environment to health.

In partnership with the Corporate Council on Africa, she initiated and organized the first African Growth and Opportunity Act conference in Kinshasa, DRC. She testified before the United States Congressional Subcommittee on Africa about the crisis in the Great Lakes region of the DRC and has spoken at various forums including the Ambassador series on Capitol Hill. She was present at the signing of the African Growth and Opportunity Act by President Bill Clinton in 2000 and at the signing of the Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act by President Obama in 2010. The Ambassador has facilitated

multi-billion dollar investments for the acquisition of one of the world's largest copper and cobalt deposits, the Tenke-Fungurume Mine, and organized visits to America for DRC entrepreneurs to facilitate contacts with U.S. Chambers of Commerce and others from the private sector.

This mother of four understands that diplomacy does not merely represent the views of men in world affairs but of society as a whole. "The equal participation of women in diplomacy plays a crucial role in the general process of the advancement of women in any field," she said. "Without the active participation of women and the incorporation of women's perspectives at all levels of decision-making, the goals of equality, development and peace cannot be achieved."

Mitifu referred to the members of the Green Knight class as 21st Century leaders, and she stressed that gender equality and women's empowerment is about making a real difference in the lives of women everywhere. She challenged them to work for the development needs of all women, helping to ensure women autonomy, freedom from violence, fair treatment, and equal access to resources and assets so that women everywhere can rise up and enjoy their right as both national and global citizens.

"No matter your career choice or your area of expertise, get involved with women's organizations around the world. Get involved in advocacy for gender equality and social justice as this can be a great network for your career development and a source of great fulfillment," she concluded.

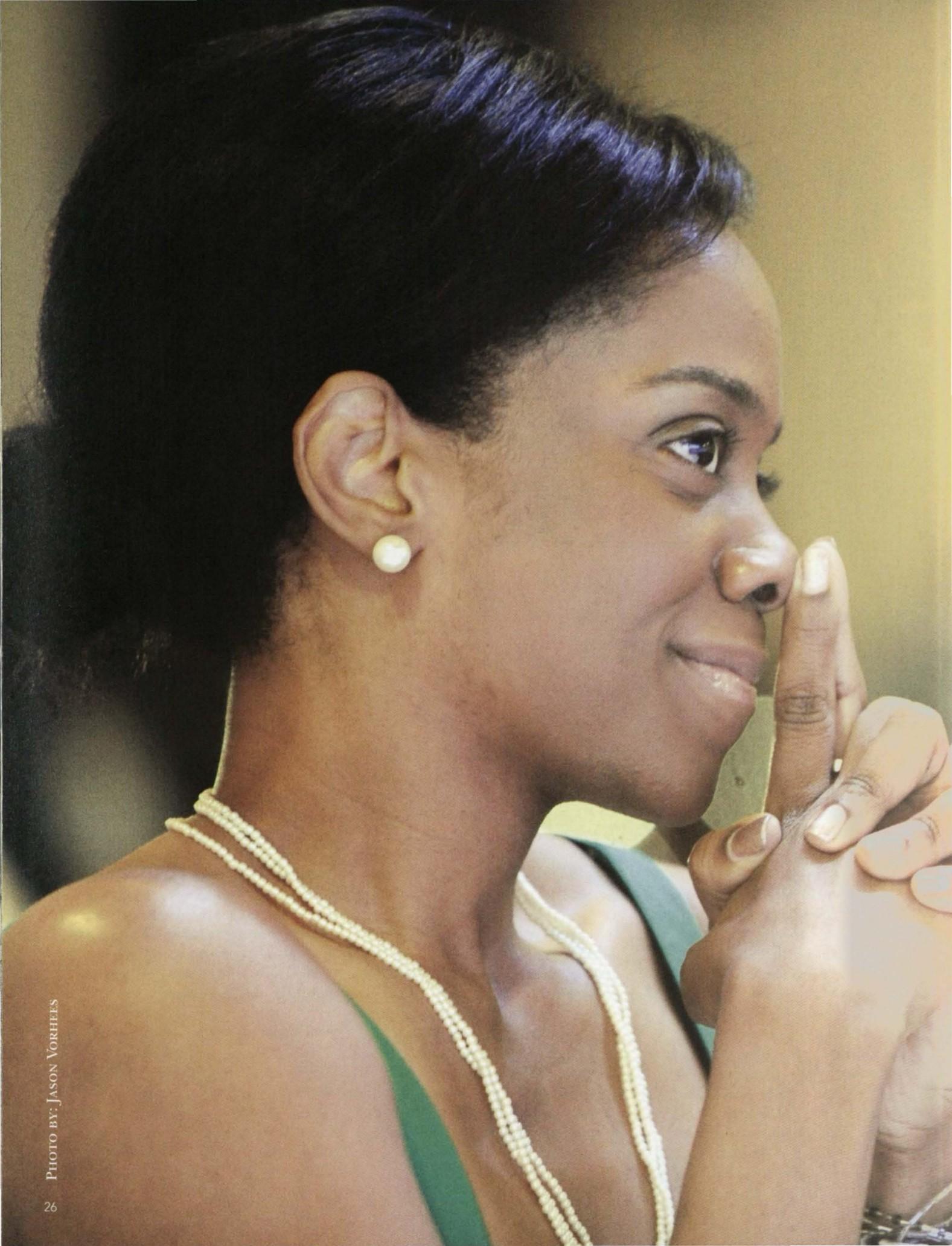


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# From the Wesleyan campus to **'THE HUNGER GAMES'**

As a business owner with a lucrative movie career on the rise, Karan Kendrick decided she needed a better understanding of business matters and how to manage money in an efficient and sustainable way, so she enrolled in Wesleyan's Executive MBA program. A 2010 graduate of the program, Kendrick said, "I needed to understand the business side of show business, and how the money works. I have to know how to negotiate and what to expect from residuals. Actors get paid for the work they do, but their real salaries depend on the residuals," she said.

Kendrick's acting career began with a preschool show where the song called for children representing a certain color to stand up. Kendrick was orange. As a child she was a ballerina, and at home there were always songs, dancing, and plays to put on for her family. In a more recent role, Karan stars as Atala in the movie *The Hunger Games*, which premiered Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, took in \$152.5 million at the box office its opening weekend, and was number one at the box office for four consecutive weeks. The movie is set in a post-apocalyptic world where every year young people must compete to the death in an event called *The Hunger Games*. Kendrick's character is a trainer who welcomes the twenty-four tributes chosen to compete and then explains to them about the different stations set up around the training center.

Kendrick attended a screening of the movie in California and walked her first red carpet. She hired a stylist and bought a glamorous dress, and said she wanted the people back home to be proud. She worried she might not have made the cut in the final editing of the

film, but when Kendrick came up on the screen, her college friend and guest at the screening nudged her throughout the whole scene. Karan's character appears in the second book in the *Hunger* series, but she doesn't know yet whether that will translate into a role in the next movie.

Kendrick has been busy building quite an acting resume. She appeared in Tyler Perry's *Madea Goes to Jail* and starred in Lifetime's 2010 film *The Wronged Man*. She has an impressive repertoire of television experiences including roles on Lifetime Television's *Drop Dead Diva* and *Army Wives*. Kendrick has roles in three movies set to be released in 2012: *The Odd Life of Timothy Green*, a Disney film starring Jennifer Garner and Dianne Wiest (due out in August), *Parental Guidance* starring Billy Crystal (set to be released on Christmas Day), and *Little Red Wagon* (which has not announced a release date). In addition to television and film roles, Karan is an accomplished theater actress.

After high school, Kendrick went to Spelman College in Atlanta, where she received a bachelor's degree in drama and dance. Kendrick is owner and director of The Kendrick Academy in Fort Valley, where she teaches drama, theatre, and dance to ages three to adult. The Academy is an arts organization that, according to its website, "serves to enrich the lives of its students, and the community that we serve, through the fine and performing arts."

At an event at Fort Valley's Austin Theatre, Fort Valley Mayor John Stumbo proclaimed Thursday, March 22, 2012, as Karan Kendrick Day. Nearly a dozen people, from family members to former

teachers, took the opportunity to talk about the actress and share memories of her growing up. Family friend Darrell Fobbs predicted Kendrick will be nominated for an Oscar. If that dream becomes a reality, Kendrick joked that she already has her speech planned for the Academy Awards.

Later in the evening on Kendrick Day, more than 900 people flocked to the Houston Lakes Stadium Cinemas in Kathleen, Georgia, for a midnight premiere of *The Hunger Games*, and Karan made a special appearance. Avid fans, some dressed in character, brought in *The Hunger Games* books, movie books, and tickets for her to sign.

According to Kendrick, being an actor is actually very much like any other career in that "you study, you train, you get a job, and hopefully that job leads to another opportunity." Kendrick claimed most of her work is actually working to get work, and she has an agent to help her. "Whatever you are doing, do the best you can, network, and build a good reputation. Show business is a business. Having talent is good, but the bottom line is people need to know they can count on you. That you'll be on time and be prepared," she said.

Though Fort Valley is home, Kendrick says she's living out of a suitcase these days. She spent a year, February of 2011 to February of 2012, in New York and then headed to Los Angeles for the red carpet.

"Mine has been a very charmed and blessed life," she said. "I feel like it's just getting started."

Special thanks to Angela Woolen and *The Telegraph*.

# In the Pink

Abigail Jones, Cherry Blossom Queen, 2012

Her first spring in Macon, Wesleyan Sophomore Abigail Jones was not able to attend any of the city's world-famous Cherry Blossom Festival events. Schoolwork and other obligations kept her busy until the final days of the 2011 Festival. She had planned to go to the Festival finale held on Wesleyan's campus, but it was canceled because of stormy weather. This spring, however, Abigail found herself fully "in the pink" both figuratively and literally. On Saturday, March 17, 2012, Abigail was not only present at the wildly popular Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in downtown Macon, she was in the parade, on the pink royal float with a crown atop her pretty head, waving to thousands of people lining the streets cheering as she passed. There she was, among the colorful floats, marching bands, clowns, dancers, fire trucks, classic cars, and this year's Grand Marshal, Barbara Eden of "I Dream of Jeannie" fame. This spring, Abigail Jones, from Augusta, Georgia, was crowned Cherry Blossom Festival Queen for 2012.

In the past, the pageant had been limited to high school seniors. This year, for the first time, the age limit was raised to twenty-two as organizers explore the option of becoming a preliminary for the Miss Georgia pageant. Having recently turned twenty-one, Abigail was one of four Wesleyan students who entered the pageant. Almost certainly unaware of how her cheerful and bright personality warms a room as soon as she enters, she entertained only a long shot hope of winning. Even with her great fear of public speaking, Abigail's humble and sweet disposition charmed the judges in November when she answered questions in front of a packed house at the Douglass Theatre.

For Abigail, being chosen Cherry Blossom Queen for 2012 is a high honor. She fully understands that being Queen isn't just about wearing the crown, which Abigail claims is heavy. The role of Queen brings a responsibility to support the Macon community through appearances and volunteer work, a role she already plays well as a Wesleyan student with her involvement in the Hands On

Macon volunteer network, serving as an encore volunteer at the Special Olympics Georgia Master's Bowling Tournament, and as an annual participant in the Susan G. Komen Miracle Mile Walk.

Abigail came to Wesleyan on full scholarship from the prestigious AR Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet School in Augusta, Georgia, where she graduated with a 3.7 GPA and ranked sixth in her senior class of eighty-one students. A biology major, Abigail is a Watson Brown Scholar, an R. A. Bowen Trust scholarship recipient, a Wesleyan College math and science scholarship recipient, and a Best and Brightest participant. She also works part-time as a billing support technician at Geico and is a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity. Abigail plans to pursue a nursing degree as a member of the inaugural class of Wesleyan's new Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Her goal is to become a pediatric nurse.

The Cherry Blossom Festival was founded in 1982 by Carolyn Crayton and William A. Fickling. With their commitment, the Festival and Macon's more than 350,000 Yoshino cherry trees continue to blossom each spring. This year the Festival celebrated its 30th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of Japan's gift of the Yoshino Cherry tree to America. According to Steve Farr, 2012 Chairman of the Cherry Blossom Festival and Vice President for Enrollment Services at Wesleyan, the Festival welcomes over 300,000 visitors from all over the world and is considered one of the Top 50 Events in the U.S., making an economic impact of over \$19 million.

Currently the infamous Cherry Blossom Festival Queen crown lives in Abigail's dorm room, securely stowed away in a box made by the previous wearer. This year, as is tradition, Abigail will make a special box for her predecessor to keep the crown in until it is passed down to the next Cherry Blossom Queen.

*Special thanks to Ed Grisamore and The Telegraph.*



# Helen Piers Browning, paying it forward

Leaving a legacy to the women who follow her into business

In the summer of 1987, five women in Macon, Georgia, held a series of lunch meetings to focus on what women business owners might collectively do for themselves. An idea emerged: start a businesswomen's organization to promote and assist women involved in entrepreneurial ventures. Soon after, those women founded the Greater Macon Women Business Owners, Inc. (GMWBO) with a charter membership that embraced fifty women business owners making a \$30 million annual impact on the economy of Central Georgia.

"I was among that group of five women," said Helen Piers Browning, "and at that time, I was the owner of an executive search firm and temporary staffing franchise. We set out to promote women in business and in doing so encouraged many women to take risks and pursue leadership roles within the business community."

Goals of the GMWBO included securing a seat on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, which was totally without female representation at the time. Members in rapid succession fortified boards in arts and community service agencies while others became involved in local politics. Inspired by their progress, GMWBO members focused on various ways in which to increase community-wide recognition for business owners like establishing the Business Owner of the Year Award and the HATS Award (High Achievement Through Service).

Complementing their efforts to increase female representation on community-wide boards and in professional leadership roles, the GMWBO developed educational programs to help women entrepreneurs start or grow their businesses. Educational lectures, often with guest speakers, were offered regularly and well attended. By 1997, the idea of publishing a book for future women business owners had wide support.

"Partnering with Wesleyan College was a natural fit and the only way we could have published the book," said

Browning. "We enlisted the help of Professor Glenna Dod Meyer and her marketing students to research a wide range of ideas pertaining to starting and growing a successful small business. The students spent an entire year researching internet and print media resources plus interviewing local business owners and representatives of government agencies. In addition, the Wesleyan students researched every angle of publishing the book and made recommendations that helped guide us through the self-publishing process."

In 2003, with the financial backing of the GMWBO, *The Business Road Less Traveled: A Road Map for Women Entrepreneurs* by Helen Piers Browning was published using data collected by the GMWBO and by the marketing students of Wesleyan College. Although Browning is credited as the author, she maintains that the book is based on the collective experiences of a large group of Georgia women engaged in a variety of small business operations.

"It's not comprehensive, of course, but it is a book of advice or a list of steps that will save future business women countless hours of individual research, trial, and error," said Browning. All of the proceeds from the sales of the books benefit entrepreneurial students at Wesleyan, and other regional colleges, through the Greater Macon Women Business Owners Scholarship Fund. Just this year, Browning donated the rights to re-publication of the book, with updates regarding technology, to Wesleyan College.

Born in Indiana, Browning grew up in Louisville, Kentucky. Ultimately, she settled in Macon where she began working with a locally owned employment agency, Mutual Personnel. "At forty-one years old, I began working in the industry," she said. "It was my first job in Macon. I worked for six years, learning all that I could about the field, and then I purchased a Manpower franchise and established it here in Macon."

Browning ran the Manpower franchise for twenty-two years, during which time she also received considerable

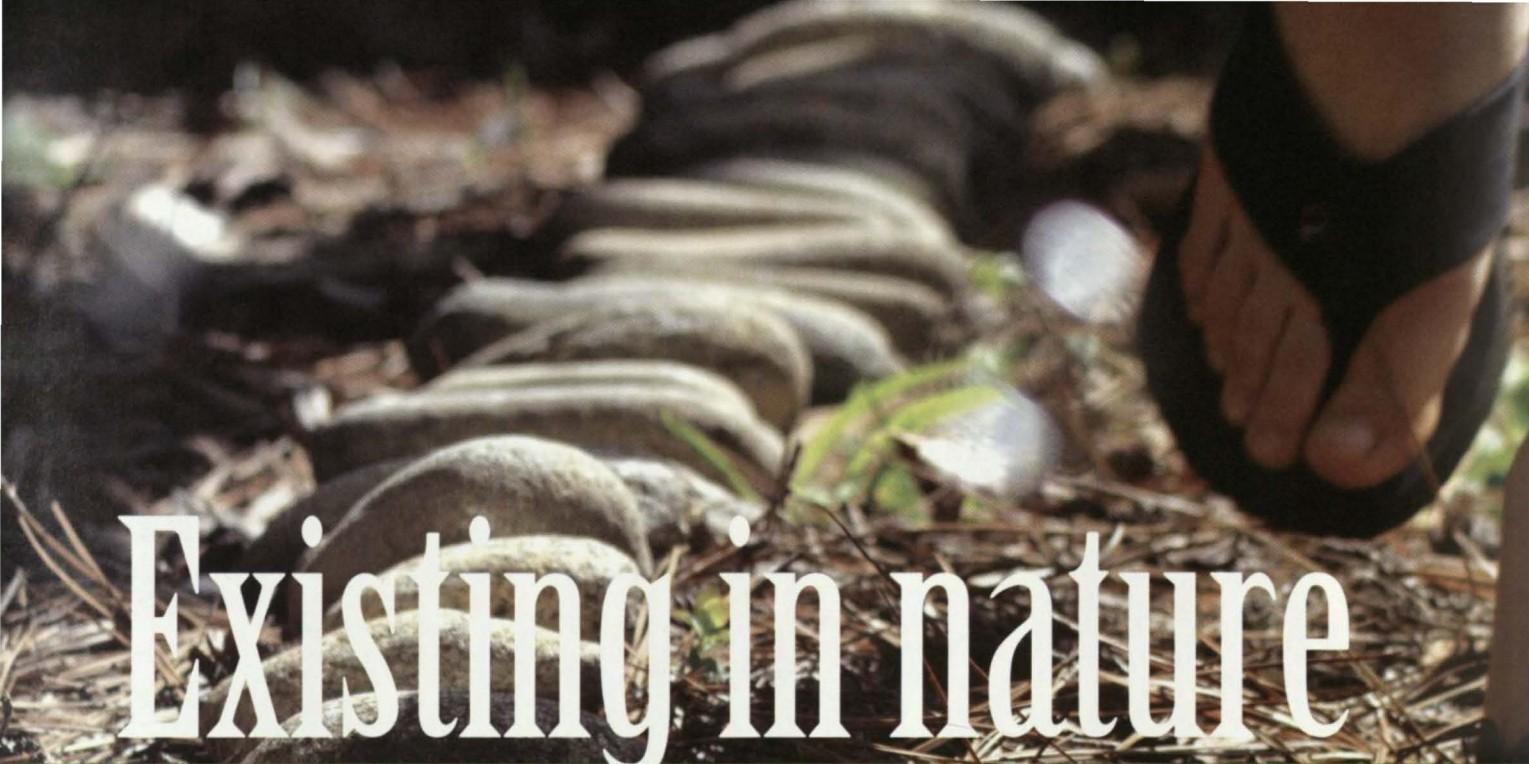
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recognition for her work in the personnel industry. During her career, Browning won the University of Georgia's Small Business Owner of the Year Award, the GMWBO's HATS Award, as well as the personnel industry's silver and bronze medals for the number of high-level placements of job seekers in the \$50,000 to \$70,000 salary range. She also was awarded the Highflyer's Award for annual sales beyond a \$1 million competitive benchmark.

After thirty-one years in the personnel field, Browning sold her franchise back to Manpower and retired. Her legacy is far reaching as countless women entrepreneurs stand on the shoulders of her success. Her book, *The Business Road Less Traveled*, is a gift to not only Wesleyan College but also many future generations of women.

"Fortunately, I kept a professional journal for twenty-two years," said Browning, "and that provided the foundation for the book. For nearly two years, I fine-tuned those notes and re-wrote them in book format. Still though, I always think of tips that should have been included in the book – like this one: to learn about your competitors, purchase their stock."





# Existing in nature

Wesleyan's Arboretum is a remarkable resource for reflection and recreation, enjoyed by students, faculty, and alumnae as well as local teachers, school children, youth organizations, researchers, runners, and other visitors. We invite you to visit campus, take a walk in the woods, and let us know about your experience. Until then, enjoy the following photos and nature's classroom journal entries from several students who found peace, creative inspiration, and space to dream by spending a day in the Arboretum as part of Dr. Pat Pitchard's Understanding Learning class.



I took into account the sunlight factor when I chose my spot. Ever since I can remember, I would find comfort in the smallest beam of sunlight peering into the trees from the sky above...as though it was God shining His light on me, I was comforted to take a seat and explore the grounds around me.... I became enthralled with the wild calling of birds, the rapid movements of small creatures around me, and the gentle feel of the occasional breeze that blew. I felt so open, free, and happy. I felt happier in that hour than I spent alone than I had in months. I was forced to put all technology aside, shut out all worries, and concentrate on me — only me.





I was in a peaceful state of mind... I was not concerned about my phone or talking to friends... I love spending time with myself and being in the woods was a different level of that.

I have assumed that beauty is something that touches our heart without a particular reason... I think beauty has a great positive impact on our minds so that it could be used to make people happy and society peaceful.

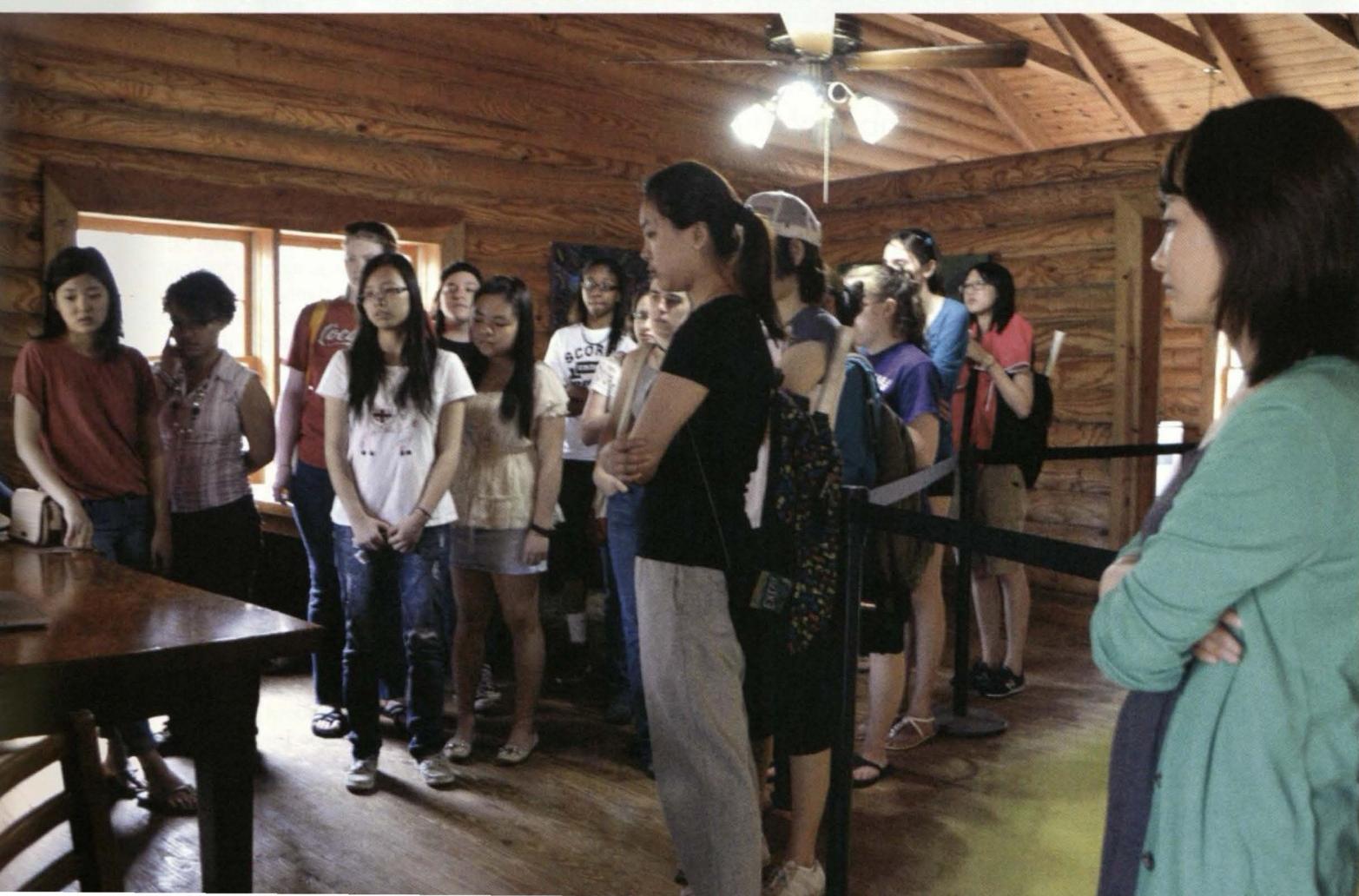
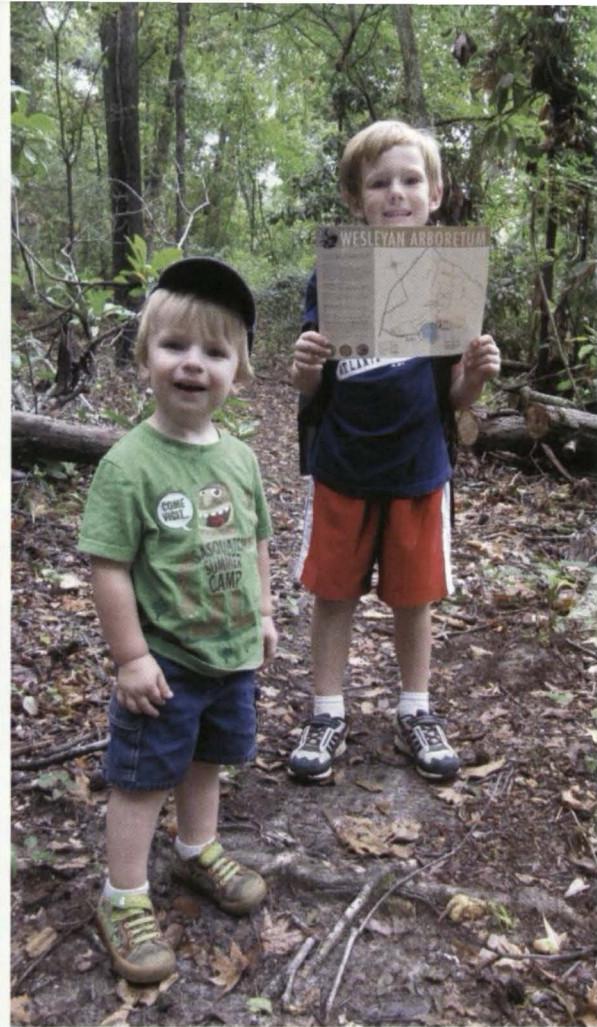
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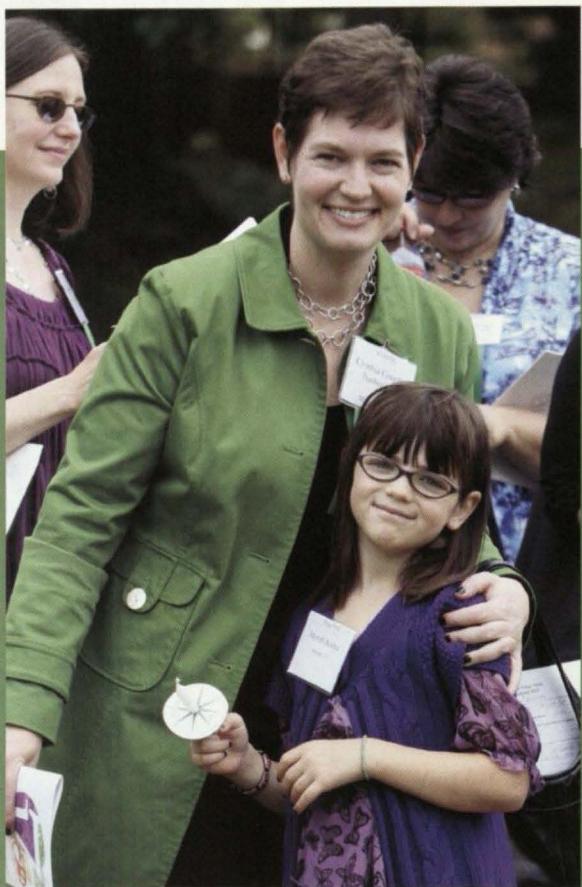


I have always appreciated the beautiful green since I came to Wesleyan.

I enjoyed being able to have personal time with the woods...the woods are very peaceful and they relax me...Just being able to sit back and observe nature around me was a wakeup call that I need to get outside more.

I got lost in my own mind while I was there and could clearly think about things in my personal life that troubled me emotionally and sort through all those emotions.





# WHY I GIVE.

"WHEN I WAS A WESLEYAN STUDENT, I STOOD ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE WHO HAD COME BEFORE ME, DEPENDING ON SCHOLARSHIP AID TO HELP ME AFFORD MY EDUCATION. IT'S MY TURN NOW TO OFFER THOSE SAME SHOULDERS TO FUTURE WESLEYANNES. I CHALLENGE MY WESLEYAN SISTERS IN THE CLASS OF 1992 AND, INDEED, ALL MY WESLEYAN SISTERS TO JOIN ME IN BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF WESLEYANNES."

—Cyndey Costello Busbee '92

## Meet Cyndey Costello Busbee '92

Wesleyan's newest member of The Society for the Twenty-first Century

During Alumnae Weekend 2012, when Cyndey Costello Busbee returned to campus with her Class of 1992 sisters, she notified Wesleyan that she had recently included the College in her estate plan. Cyndey described this step as an easy and meaningful way to support Wesleyan now while still meeting the needs of her young, active family.

"A lot of folks my age are beginning to make estate plans," she said. "For us, including the College in our wills was a simple but significant way to honor Wesleyan."

As Assistant Vice President for Corporate Community and Business Development at the Medical Center of Central Georgia, Cyndey balances the demands of work with her roles as wife and mother of three children. She also serves as president-elect of Wesleyan's Board of Visitors and president of Georgia Women of Achievement.

"When I was a Wesleyan student, I stood on the shoulders of those who had come before me, depending on scholarship aid to help me afford my education. It's my turn now to offer those same shoulders to future Wesleyannes," explained Cyndey. "I challenge my Wesleyan sisters in the Class of 1992 and, indeed, all my Wesleyan sisters to join me in building a solid foundation for future generations of Wesleyannes."

ONE OF THE EASIEST WAYS to honor a connection to your *alma mater* is to include Wesleyan College in your estate plan. Planned gifts ensure the future of the College and provide scholarships for students, boost Wesleyan's Annual Fund, and support a wide variety of exciting capital projects.

Planned giving donors commit to support Wesleyan in numerous ways. Some name Wesleyan as a beneficiary in a will through an outright bequest. Donors also may designate the

remainder of their estate to the College after meeting their family's needs. Other donors have charitable remainder trusts that can provide income to donors and their spouses during their lifetimes. Many alumnae have named Wesleyan as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan.

The purpose of planned giving is twofold – to benefit your family's future while also leaving a legacy to Wesleyan. A bequest can be a specific amount, or all or part of what is left after family needs are met. Simply meet with your attorney to draft, update, or supplement your will. A planned gift is one of the most important things you can do today to sustain the future of Wesleyan.

For information about planned giving and the Society for the Twenty-first Century, please contact Susan Allen, Senior Development Officer, at (478) 757-5133 or [sallen@wesleyancollege.edu](mailto:sallen@wesleyancollege.edu).



## The Golden Heart Challenge

When Wesleyan President Ruth Knox first inspected the completed Munroe Science Center, the sunny golden walls and bright gold chairs of Room 203 inspired her idea for a Golden Heart Classroom, a classroom that would be a tribute to all Golden Hearts and a celebration of sisterhood.

In the spring of 2011, President Knox invoked the spirit of sisterhood and Golden Heart pride with her \$75,000 challenge grant to name that brilliantly decorated classroom in Munroe. Her Golden Heart sisters answered the challenge in true competitive spirit with gifts to the Annual Fund that more than matched the

challenge. Soon Room 203, now officially the Golden Heart Classroom, will feature not only golden paint and furniture but also an entire wall that will be a pictorial tribute to Golden Heart classes over the years. That mural will be larger than life on campus, but we've published a smaller version on the next three pages.

In reflecting on the new Golden Heart Classroom and the spirit of sisterhood it celebrates, President Knox recalled a friend (a graduate of a large university) who once said to her, "What is it about Wesleyan? I wish I felt about my school the way you feel about yours." What is it about Wesleyan? It's sisterhood!

*Wesleyan sisterhood will stand the test of time, and no matter where you are, if there is with you another Wesleyanne – she is your sister!*



**GOLDEN HEARTS,  
GOLDEN HEARTS,  
LIKE OUR SISTERS  
BEFORE US, LEARN  
TO **LIVE**, LEARN TO  
**GIVE**, BUILDING  
SPIRIT AMONG US**

*showing us how to be strong & true  
building lives together  
Golden Hearts, Golden Hearts  
make us sisters forever*



## THE GOLDEN HEART CHALLENGE

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Hearts are a symbol of love and friendship. We encourage you to use this challenge to show your love and support for your friends and family. It's a great way to build spirit among us and make us sisters forever.

# Sisterhood AT WESLEYAN COLLEGE

**We are the Golden Hearts, Hearts, Hearts, Hearts!**

No matter their hometown, religion, race, or even native language, Wesleyannes are united by the bonds of sisterhood. And, while sisterhood may well be the defining hallmark of the Wesleyan experience, it is difficult to explain to those who have not experienced it. Indeed, sisterhood may better be described than defined. For Golden Heart and Wesleyan Trustee Betty Turner Corn '47, one of the lessons of sisterhood is loyalty: "When you KNOW something is good and you BELIEVE in it, you STAY with it – church, husband, family, job, and friends!" For Alexis Xides Bighley '67, who also serves Wesleyan as a Trustee, being a Golden Heart means having sisters for a lifetime with all the fun, friendship, and responsibilities that sisterhood implies: "It's understanding that you are always representing more than just yourself. That inspires you to do your best and to make the world a better place. It's also understanding that you have an obligation to the next generation of Wesleyannes."

**From Coast to Coast, Golden Hearts are the most!  
NA NA NA NA NA, NA NA NA NA NA NA, NA  
NA NA NA NA NA NA, NA NA NA NA NA NA.  
From the North to the South, Golden Hearts got  
that mouth! NA NA NA NA NA, NA NA NA NA  
NA NA, NA NA NA NA NA NA NA, NA NA NA  
NA NA NA. From the Moon to the Sun, Golden  
Hearts are number one! NA NA NA NA NA, NA  
NA NA NA NA NA, NA NA NA NA NA NA NA,  
NA NA NA NA NA.**

Sisterhood inspires the dedication that makes it possible to rehearse a STUNT number "one more time," even when it's already 2 a.m. Sisterhood fuels the determination to leave everything on the basketball court – or the soccer field. Sisterhood is why your college roommate – twenty years later – will take your call in the middle of the night and hop on a plane to hold your hand during an emergency. Sisterhood is the reason, year after year, scores of alumnae shake off other commitments and travel vast distances to return to Wesleyan's campus for reunion celebrations. It's why, for a young alumna alone in a new city, sometimes the most comforting words she can hear are: "I'm a Wesleyanne, too!" For a Wesleyan alumna, meeting

another Wesleyanne is truly meeting a sister — no matter the age difference — and soon their conversation will be peppered with phrases like "Golden Hearts," "Pirates," and "STUNT," phrases that to the uninitiated may be mysterious but to Wesleyannes represent the ties that bind. And for a quarter of Wesleyannes, in the words of Golden Heart and Wesleyan Trustee Susan Pyeatt Kimmey '71, "The ties that bind us are pure gold!"

**We're those Hearts from Wesleyan you've heard so much about. We never have to wait in line whenever we go out. People say we're sexy and we win at all we do. People say we're sexy and can drink a shot or two. We're the Golden Hearts from Wesleyan! Now who the hell are you?!?!**

At least since Linda Anderson Lane '19 dubbed hers "the Class of the Golden Heart," Golden Hearts have reveled in a special connection with one another and with the other three sisterhood classes. For those first Golden Hearts, 1919 marked the first year in which the traditional Greek sorority system — begun at Wesleyan in 1851 — was completely behind them and with it the exclusionary practices that had been deemed by the College in 1914 as "contrary to the spirit of a democratic age." Soon the classes of the Green and Gold, the Red and White, and the Lavender and White would follow, later to become the Green Knights, the Red Pirates, and the Purple Knights with their attendant symbols, pageantry, and more inclusive egalitarianism. The class system was certainly more consistent with the ideals of sisterhood, but the reality of sisterhood had existed from Wesleyan's earliest days. Even as the Greek sorority system was taking hold in the 1850s, Wesleyan alumnae were about the business of starting the first Alumnae Association in the world to, among other reasons, "revive the friendships formed in our girlhood." Just this year, Golden Heart alumnae from the Class of 2011 were well represented at their first Alumnae Weekend ever, proving their commitment to preserving the bonds of sisterhood.

**We love you Golden Hearts, oh yes we do. We love you  
Golden Hearts, and we'll be true. When you're not near  
us, we're blue, so blue! Oh Golden Hearts we love you!**



1. Golden Hearts '59 with Soccer Cup. 2. "Golden-n-n-n-n Hearts! Winners from the start!" GH '75 3. Senior Soccer team, Golden Hearts '47 4. "Oh, well, it's up with the banners bright; cheer on the gold and white!" GH '75 5. Golden Hearts '67 win the soccer cup! 6. Golden Heart Beetle , Homecoming '07 7. Junior STUNT, Golden Hearts '75 8. Golden Hearts '07 9. From Vetroopt, 1987 10. Washboard Band features Golden Hearts '75 11. Golden Hearts '47 at the Phi Mu Gateway 12. Junior STUNT Committee, GH '71 13. Soccer Team, Golden Hearts '83 14. STUNT, Golden Hearts '91 15. "Whole hog, half ham, Golden Hearts, by damn!" 1967 16. Sophomore Soccer Team, GH '71 17. Golden Hearts '71



- 18.** Soccer Team, GH '79 **19.** GH Beanie '71 **20.** Freshmen Soccer Team, GH '75 **21.** Soccer Team, GH '63  
**22.** A cheer is born! GH '75 **23.** Soccer Team, GH '55 **24.** Golden Hearts '55 **25.** Senior Basketball Team, GH '39  
**26.** Junior Soccer Team, GH '71 **27.** Golden Hearts '79 **28.** Golden Hearts '71 cheer on their team, Homecoming 1968  
**29.** GH '11 celebrate first of three STUNT wins, 2009 **30.** GH '71 in their 4th winning STUNT! **31.** Class Soccer 2011  
**32.** Golden Hearts '67 prepare for pep rally. **33.** Class of '47, Golden Belle Reunion 1997 **34.** Freshmen Soccer Team, GH '63 **35.** GH '63 make a grand entrance at Homecoming!



# The Golden Heart Challenge

Wesleyan College thanks the Golden Hearts who rose to the challenge issued by President Ruth Knox in the spring of 2011: "...with my gift of \$75,000, I challenge Golden Hearts from every generation to match my gift and collectively raise an additional \$75,000 to name Room 203 in the Munroe Science Center as the Golden Heart Classroom."

Hundreds of Golden Hearts answered the challenge with individual gifts that ranged from \$10 to \$10,000. In all, Golden Hearts not only met the President's challenge but also exceeded it by raising a total of \$89,520.

## WINNERS OF THE GOLDEN HEART CHALLENGE

### Most Money Raised

1st Place	Class of 1947
2nd Place	Class of 1975
3rd Place	Class of 1971

### Most Class Participation

1st Place	Class of 1939
2nd Place	Class of 1975
3rd place	Class of 1971 (tie)
3rd Place	Class of 1959 (tie)

Sisterhood is calling. Will you answer the call? The Golden Hearts challenge the Pirates, Green Knights, and Purple Knights to begin new challenges this year to name three additional classrooms so that all four sisterhood classes will be honored. For more information on how to get started, call Wesleyan's Office of Institutional Advance-ment at (478) 757-5187.

*Golden Hearts, Golden Hearts; Like our sisters before us. Learn to live, learn to give; Building spirit among us. Show-ing us how to be strong and true; Building lives together. Golden Hearts, Golden Hearts; Make us sisters forever.*

*Dear Pirates, Dear Pirates; Like our sisters before us. Learn to live, Learn to Give; Building spirit among us. Showing us how to be strong and true; Building lives together. Dear Pirates, Dear Pirates; Make us sisters forever.*

*Wesleyan, Wesleyan; Like our sisters before us. Learn to live, Learn to Give; Building spirit among us. Showing us how to be strong and true; Building lives together. Wes-leyan, Wesleyan; Make us sisters forever.*

professor Ann Smith. Two spring semesters and two tax seasons later, Amy started a bookkeeping job at VTR Auto Brokers. After graduating, she decided to take time to work before entering law school and accepted a position at Macon accounting firm McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co. (MMM) where she worked for three years. "Working with so many different types of businesses (through MMM) has made my law school experience completely different from that of most of my classmates," she said. "That hands-on practical knowledge gave me a tiny little advantage in the ultimate competitive environment." Amy believes her CPA license had a lot to do with getting accepted almost immediately into law school where she earned her degree in May 2012.

As a member of the equestrian program at Wesleyan, Lindsay Cole Abernethy '00 learned she had a talent and an appreciation for teaching riding and horsemanship, but eventually decided that a career in the field meant too much hard work and not enough pay. In 2004 she decided to transition from all things horse to all things law. She enrolled in a one-year paralegal certification program at Georgia College and State University, and then secured a job working as a paralegal for the Macon law firm Sell & Melton.

Interested in local animal welfare issues, Lindsay attended the trial of a man accused of killing Otis Redding III's dog. Lindsay says she was intrigued at the community's outrage toward crimes against animals and claims the combination of working as a paralegal and getting involved in local animal welfare issues made her decide to go to law school.

In her first year at the University of Montana, Lindsay co-founded the University's chapter of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF), one of 154 chapters in the U.S. In 2011, Lindsay became the first UM student to attend any competition of animal law by competing in the eighth annual National Animal Law Competitions held at Harvard Law School, where she finished in the top four. Lindsay earned her JD from the University of Montana in May 2011. Her ultimate goal is to open an animal rescue sanctuary with her sister who currently rescues animals in Atlanta. Knowing that a future as an animal rights lawyer might be difficult, she expects she will work in criminal or family law, while still helping animals through volunteer work. Lindsay says her experience at Harvard only solidified her interest in becoming a criminal lawyer. "I learned that even a little ole girl from Georgia, attending a little ole law school in Montana could hang with the big dogs at Harvard," she said.

Often referred to in political circles in Washington, D.C., as "the most powerful woman in Congress you've never heard of" Janice A. Mays '73 has devoted her entire career to public service. Wesleyan's 2011 commencement speaker earned her JD from the University of Georgia in 1975 and a master of law in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 1981. Janice began her career working on Capitol Hill as a staff member of the House Ways and Means Committee. She is the FIRST woman to serve as Democratic Chief Counsel and Chief Tax Counsel for the House Ways and Means Committee, a position she has held for more than three decades. Janice has been

instrumental in passing every major tax bill during her thirty-six-year tenure on Capitol Hill and is widely recognized as a leading tax policy expert. With no regrets and no plans to retire, Janice says, "I believe in government. I believe government can help people. Being in a position to help people has been very special to me."

Just a few blocks away in Washington, D.C., Geovette Washington '89 oversees 325 lawyers in regional offices all over the country as the Principal Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Commerce Department. Like Janice, Geovette began her career with the government immediately after graduating from Duke University School of Law. First she clerked for Judge Aubrey E. Robinson, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Then, during the Clinton administration, she served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel in the United States Department of Justice. Geovette left

government law for fourteen years to practice private law before returning to the Commerce Department with the Obama administration in 2010. Geovette says she likes dealing with a broad range of issues and making a difference in people's lives on a daily basis, which is hard to do in private practice. "Sometimes I'm sitting in a meeting at the White House, most of the time the only woman, and definitely the only African American woman in the room, and I think 'wow, look at me. I'm a girl from a small town in Georgia'." (Read more about Geovette, recipient of the 2012 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement in a Profession, on page 51.)

According to Lori Reese Patton '90, lawyers both male and female often need training to become the strong leaders they are perceived to be simply by virtue of their profession. Lawyers, she claims, are often independent and prefer to work alone rather than with a group. Therefore, Lori said, as leaders in a firm lawyers are often required to work in a way that is opposite to the psychology of the typical law mind. Recognizing this situation and with the encouragement of her firm, Lori now serves as the firm-wide director of Leadership and Professional Development for Womble Carlyle in Charlotte, North Carolina, which employs 1,200 people in eleven offices. Her role focuses on group and individual development by coaching lawyers in non-traditional legal skills including leadership and management. In concert with the Gallup organization and using Gallup's "Seven Demands of Leadership," Lori coaches Leadership Womble where participants commit 150-200 hours of time for interactive course sessions, team building, constituency feedback, and coaching.

According to statistics compiled by the American Bar Association, nationwide women make up just over thirty percent of all lawyers but only about nineteen percent of partners at large firms, and no state has ever had an equal number of women and men in federal or state judgeships. Undaunted, however, female lawyers like Christine Forsythe claim: "the legal profession is still very much male-dominated, but I am not the least bit bothered by that reality."

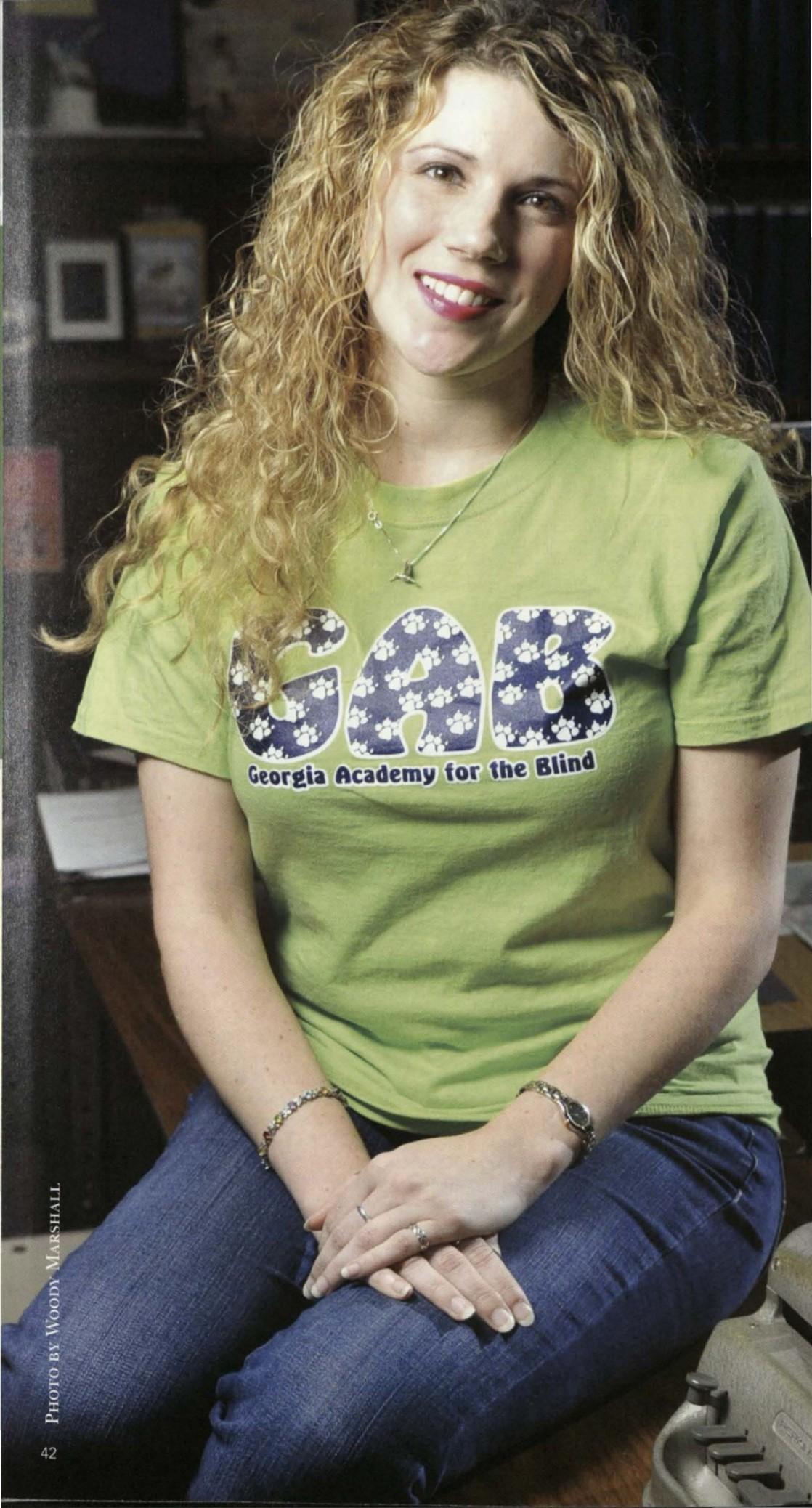


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## GEORGIA'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

# helps blind students succeed

### LAUREN ECKMAN '04

Georgia Academy for the Blind

At about five or six years old, Lauren Eckman '04, an English instructor at the Georgia Academy for the Blind in Macon, began teaching her school lessons to her grandmother and the stuffed animals on her bed. She even gave out restroom passes and homework. "Granny was always a good sport," Lauren claimed.

The role-playing when she was a child helped lay the foundation for a teaching career. Now thirty years old, Lauren is the newest Georgia Teacher of the Year and the second Middle Georgia educator to win the title in as many years. Lauren will tour the state and vie for the title of National Teacher of the Year.

"I just didn't expect to be selected," Lauren said. "Any one of (the ten finalists) would have been a great representative for teacher of the year."

Comments from one of Lauren's former students were read aloud at a banquet where she received the honor. Lauren said she began shaking as she realized she was the winner.

"Lauren Eckman is going to be a fantastic representative of the teaching profession in Georgia," state School Superintendent John Barge said in a news release. "With the population of students she serves, she is highly proficient at differentiating instruction and making strong connections with her students. These will be valuable skills to share with other educators throughout the state."

Lauren thanked teachers, staff and others during her speech at the ceremony but said she worried about becoming too emotional if she mentioned her grandmother, who died in February after a fifteen-year battle with dementia. "I wouldn't be where I am without her," she said.

Lauren considers her grandmother one of the most influential people in her life. "She's never known the influence in my career," Lauren said. "I believe she knows now."

Lauren, who grew up in Douglasville, said she "always knew in some form or fashion" that she wanted to be a teacher, though she developed an "extreme love of literature" as a high school senior. Lauren said she tries to bring the stories to life in her classroom by using humor and reading aloud, especially for students who have recently lost their eyesight and haven't yet mastered reading Braille.

Before Lauren started teaching at the blind academy in 2004, she spent three months as a student teacher there in her pursuit of a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan College. Today, she also has a master's degree from the University of Louisville and is working on a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. Lauren worked with social studies teacher Angela Touchton, who also works at the blind academy, during her student teaching days. She considers Touchton a mentor. "Lauren was a good teacher when she walked in the door," Touchton said. "She's only gotten better."

During Lauren's time as a teacher, her students have been successful, even after they graduate from the academy. All of them passed the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test — a requisite for a general high school diploma — in seven of the past eight years. Lauren said her students have graduated from institutions such as Morehouse College and Georgia College & State University and are pursuing careers in fields as varied as technology, criminal justice, social work and pharmacology.

While Lauren said it was an "amazing and humbling experience" to be named the state's teacher of the year, she said the honor is more of an opportunity to highlight the blind academy and its students. "That has been the greatest part of it — it's not about you, it's about the kids," she said. "It's amazing to have the kids recognized, for people to see what talent they have."

Lauren graduated summa cum laude from Wesleyan in 2004, with a major in English with secondary certification. She was in the Honors Program, received Departmental Honors. According to Dr. Mae Sheftall, Associate Professor of Education at Wesleyan, "I am not surprised that she received this honor, given her diligence and dedication to children, especially special needs students. She is definitely one of Wesleyan's shining stars and is the crème de la crème from Wesleyan."

Special thanks to Andrea Castillo and The Telegraph for granting Wesleyan College permission to update and reprint this article.

Lauren Eckman '04, pictured in her classroom at the Georgia Academy for the Blind, was named Georgia Teacher of the Year for 2013.



# Treasure trove of trees

When people remark at the splendor of the Wesleyan campus - and everyone does - they often mention the classic building architecture, consistency of design, or the spacious layout of the campus. But what really provides a 'bow on the package' is the trees. In eighty-five years, the Wesleyan College property has transitioned from a dairy farm (cow pasture) to one of the richest and most diverse tree canopies in Middle Georgia.

Whatever trees existed on the original site of the Rivoli campus were probably lost during construction in the

1920s. Old photos of the new campus show massive lawns, indicating that tree planting began in the 1930s with stately oaks along the main quad as a central feature. The wooded back campus, known as the Arboretum, was allowed to grow undisturbed.

Through the years, planting on campus has continued. Massive magnolia trees greet visitors to campus with year-around Southern charm. Groves of Yoshino cherry trees provide the backdrop for a grand finale of Macon's Cherry Blossom Festival each March. Towering oaks offer shady

relief from the summer sun. The leaves of the ginkgos provide a pure golden background for pictures and picnics every autumn.

Today more than ever, the focus is on preserving Wesleyan's treasure trove of trees. In 2007, President Knox declared "a long-term plan for our landscaping, including how to replace trees that we lose, plan for losses in advance, and maintain what we have." With funds from grants and gifts, the college engaged tree professionals to inventory, assess, and develop a long-term plan for



managing the health and safety of the trees. The survey led to the removal of decaying trees, the pruning of others, and fertilization of the larger trees around the main quadrangle. The plan included a commitment that for every two trees removed, three trees must be planted. In late 2011, forty new trees were planted, mulched with a mixture that included manure from the stables, and fitted with "gator bags" for irrigation. Wesleyan's landscape architect, Wimberly Treadwell, selected willow oaks for replacement trees on the quad. With little visible distinction

from the original water oaks, willow oaks are considered hardier and more available in mature sizes for planting.

Preservation of Wesleyan's vertical landscape is supported by many efforts. A team led by faculty is developing a variety of trails and uses for the Arboretum, including the removal of invasive plants that threaten the health of the natural forest. Last year, Macon's Cherry Blossom Festival began a new tradition of planting a cherry tree on campus to honor the annual Cherry Blossom queen and her court. The Mettler Grove features the

favorite trees of prominent people. The Adopt-A-Tree program offers friends of the College an opportunity to contribute, and the Sustainability Committee helps ensure that efforts continue.

As our trees grow, so does our commitment to protect and improve these valuable assets. In years to come, our trees will provide not only shade and beauty, but a sense of continuity and tradition for future generations at Wesleyan.

# STUNT.12

From hilarious costumes to moving candlelit ceremonies, tradition is alive and well at the world's oldest and boldest college for women. 2012 marked the 116th year of STUNT, the annual class musical production that dates back to 1897. The four classes wrote, directed, performed, and produced their own skits to compete for the coveted STUNT Cup. The Green Knights won the cup this year and the Pirates won the Spirit Cup. All proceeds from the annual event benefit academic scholarships. To see more photos of STUNT 2012 visit the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association Facebook page.



PHOTO BY JASON VORHEES



# From the Wesleyan Alumnae Association President:

After so many months of preparation, Alumnae Weekend 2012 is now a treasured memory. This was a very special weekend for me - my last serving as President of the Alumnae Association. Each of the reunion weekends in which I have served has had its special characteristics. I will remember this year as one when it seemed I had more time to visit with alumnae; to celebrate with the Golden Belles; to listen to our talented alumnae, students, and faculty at the Friday evening concert; to participate in the fun and camaraderie of the Marketplace on the Loggia; and to enjoy the wonderful meals at luncheons, the Presidents' Reception, breakfasts, and the picnic around the fountain.

I am so proud of the current and past members of the Alumnae Board of Managers who volunteered their time to make the entire weekend a success. Many thanks go to Alumnae Weekend Chair Carol "Bacon" Kelso '73 for her enthusiastic and entertaining leadership throughout the weekend, and to Cathy Snow '71, Lauren Gibson '06, and their league of student volunteers who provided for a smooth operation "behind the scenes."

Thanks to all of you who returned to Wesleyan for Alumnae Weekend. In addition to celebrating friendships and seeing what is new on campus, you showed our current students that sisterhood and loyalty to Wesleyan extend well beyond graduation. Make your plans to be at Alumnae Weekend in 2013 – mark your calendars for April 19 -21. We'll look forward to seeing you then!

*Susan W. Walker*

Susan Woodward Walker '70  
President, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association

## Alumnae Weekend 2013 / April 19, 20, & 21

You will be receiving more information about your reunion this fall. Reunions are celebrated at five-year intervals, but all alumnae are invited to this and every Alumnae Weekend.

1928	1943	1958	1973	1988	2003
1933	1948	1963	1978	1993	2008
1938	1953	1968	1983	1998	2012





# 2012 ALUMNAE AWARDS

## CHARLOTTE BATTLE EVERBACH '52 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



Some would say that Charlotte Battle Everbach's '52 mantra, "We can do better than this" has been her hallmark for excellence and her battle cry in community service for most of her life. Her artistic talents combined with her passion for improving the world around her have earned her the respectful admiration of classmates, family, friends and leaders of the many organizations she has served. Charlotte found her heart for community service at Wesleyan when she arrived in 1948. Her choice of art history as her major helped to develop her keen eye for color and detail and the stylistic context that later distinguished Charlotte as a prominent interior designer.

After graduating *magna cum laude* from Wesleyan and enrolling in graduate studies at the University of Southern California and New York University, Charlotte married John Everbach. They moved with their daughter, Geri, to Orlando in 1962 where she began her professional career in Interior Design – a career that spanned 42 years throughout central Florida.

In 1977, when Charlotte first learned about what would become the Atlantic Center for the Arts, she knew this would be a place where she could help to make a difference. She became a trustee of Atlantic Center for the Arts in New Smyrna Beach,

Florida, and in 1980 served as Chair for two years. She has continued her service as a trustee for 32 years. As the consummate fundraiser, Charlotte has always understood that it is all about friend-raising, and she quickly developed an impressive group of friends and supporters for the Atlantic Center for the Arts. Her enthusiasm inspired one patron to fund the Charlotte Battle Everbach Painting and Drawing Studio in 1995, saying "Charlotte is the lifeblood of Atlantic Center." In 2009, in recognition of her generous spirit and heartfelt devotion, Charlotte's exceptional service was celebrated with the prestigious Spirit Enrichment Award from the Atlantic Center for the Arts.

Charlotte's commitment to improving her community extends to other area organizations as well. She volunteered with the Orlando Art Museum where she served on its Acquisition Committee and Board of Trustees. In 1981, the Women's Executive Council named Charlotte as their Outstanding Woman of the Year in the Arts. She has worked with the Friends Committee of Cornell Museum of Rollins College and served on the Acquisition Committee of the Orlando International Airport during expansion of its distinctive art collection. Friends of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra is also proud to claim Charlotte as one of its most active members. Her service to others includes her beloved Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, where she has chaired several committees and served on the church vestry, and her alma mater, hosting area alumnae gatherings and supporting Wesleyan through the Stanback Society and Wesleyan's Society for the Twenty-First Century.

## CHARLOTTE JOLLY HALE '62 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



Charlotte Jolly Hale '62 could easily serve as the role model for the servant leadership and advocacy Wesleyan College fosters through the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service. Beginning at Wesleyan and continuing throughout the 50 years following her graduation, Charlotte's community service has ranged from promoting literacy through individual tutoring and supporting public school education to fostering international cultural understanding by participating in Friendship Force, Inc. While she and husband Floyd have lived in various neighborhoods in the metro Atlanta area and in North Georgia, Charlotte has found or created opportunities to improve each community.

Charlotte tutored students at Hephzibah Children's Home during her Wesleyan days. When her own children were young, she began volunteering as a classroom tutor putting her master's degree in child development from Michigan State to good use. Her commitment to individual literacy would become a lifelong passion during those times when she was not teaching professionally. Charlotte has initiated reading tutoring programs in most of the communities in which she has lived, including her current service at Lake Forest Elementary, where she cultivates literacy among the largely Latino student body.

Charlotte's contributions as a neighborhood school/community and public school advocate began in Atlanta in the 1970s. Charlotte and Floyd were active in PTA and became co-presidents. As a way to advocate for public schools, she helped organize and served on the first board of Apple Corps, a citywide school support organization, and also became Education Chair of the Morningside Civic Association. Charlotte was founding President of the multi-neighborhood school-community Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS), a group designed to bring together business, school, church, neighborhood, and political leaders in support of neighborhood schools. Charlotte's activism drew criticism at the time, but she knew that the principles she was fighting for were in the best interest of all children. As a friend puts it, Charlotte knew her efforts "would bring us one step closer to the realization of Dr. King's dream of a beloved community."

Charlotte has enjoyed 22 years of active involvement with Friendship Force, Inc., an international organization dedicated to bridging the barriers of culture and language. Through Friendship Force, she has hosted numerous international guests, has visited in homes across the globe, and has attended international conferences.

Charlotte's civic contributions have not gone unrecognized by her local communities. A former teacher of the year, Charlotte received the Golden Apple Award from Atlanta Public Schools in 1978. In 2008, the Boys and Girls Club of North Georgia and the Jasper Rotary Club honored both Charlotte and her husband, Floyd, for their work with at-risk children by establishing the Floyd and Charlotte Hale Goals for Graduation Program.

# A R D R E C I P I E N T S

## MARY CATHERINE COLLINS O'KELLEY '72 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO WESLEYAN



"True, faithful, and loyal." We learn these words early as Wesleyan students, but it is only after we leave Wesleyan that we understand the significance of their meaning. Occasionally one of our sisters manifests them perfectly. Mary Catherine Collins O'Kelley '72 is one such sister.

As an undergraduate, MC, as her Wesleyan sisters call her, was active as a Junior Marshal, a Junior Advisor, a class cheerleader, member of STUNT Committee, Veterropt staff, and Pi Delta Epsilon. This American Studies major was twice elected class representative to May Court and served for three years on Social Standards, including one year as vice-president.

Since her days as a student, MC has used her vibrant personality, her quick wit, and her boundless energy to serve her alma mater in a myriad of ways. She became involved with the Atlanta Alumnae Club, hosting numerous events for alumnae, incoming freshmen, and prospective students. Recognizing her leadership abilities and her passion to serve, the Alumnae Board of Managers recruited her in 1984 as Member-at-Large for Nominations. In 1993, after serving as President of the Atlanta Club, MC began an unbroken tenure of service on the Board of Managers that continued through 2010—18 years of leadership, including three years as President

of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association and six years as Alumna Trustee. She represented Wesleyan College as an inaugural delegate to Hollins University and served on the Presidential Search Committee that ultimately nominated current president Ruth Knox. Today she serves as President of the Society for the Twenty-First Century, Wesleyan's Planned Giving Society, and almost never misses an Alumnae Weekend.

Everyone who knows Mary Catherine understands the depth of her commitment to Wesleyan. She, of course, had a head start as a daughter of a Wesleyan graduate, Frances Oehmig Collins, Class of 1947, and she has passed this legacy on to her daughter, Catherine O'Kelley Fore, Class of 2002. These three generations of Wesleyan women celebrate many alumnae events together, including reunion weekends. In addition, MC's father, Preston M. Collins, served as a trustee of the College for many years.

Delta Airlines is another recipient of MC's energy and loyalty. Having recently celebrated her 40th anniversary with the company, she now serves in the On-Board Leadership Program and is a member of Delta Clipped Wings, a charitable organization for active and retired flight attendants. She and her husband, Ed, are members of Snellville United Methodist Church where MC is active in hospitality ministries and she continues as a sustaining member of the Atlanta Junior League. They have two children, Catherine and Will, and one grandchild, Mary Corinne.

## GEOVETTE E. WASHINGTON '89 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN A PROFESSION



As Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Geovette Washington '89 serves as second ranking officer in the Office of General Counsel for a cabinet level agency that employs more than 40,000 people. She assists the General Counsel in his role as the chief legal advisor to the Secretary of Commerce and chief legal officer for the Department and its 12 component bureaus, including the United Patent and Trademark Office, the International Trade Administration, the National

Telecommunications and Information Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Census Bureau. She plays a key role in managing over 325 lawyers located in 14 offices who provide legal advice to all bureaus of the Department.

The path that has led to her current position with Commerce began in the summer of 1988 when Geovette served an internship with Senator Sam Nunn. That internship convinced her to pursue a career in law, and she never looked back. After graduating *summa cum laude* from Wesleyan, Geovette entered law school at Duke University, earning her J.D. in 1992. Upon graduation she clerked for The Honorable Aubrey E. Robinson, Jr., Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

Following that clerkship, she joined the U.S. Department of Justice where she served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General.

In 1996, Geovette entered private practice with the law firm of Baach Robinson & Lewis PLLC in Washington, D.C., and became a partner in January 2000. Among other matters, she successfully defended Lloyd's of London against a \$500 million antitrust coverage claim in which she briefed and argued an appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, raising issues of sovereign immunity. Geovette was part of the team of lawyers that represented Vice President Al Gore in the litigation concerning the Florida vote count in 2000. She spent eleven months working in the general counsel office of one of the firm's clients in London, handling a wide range of matters. She left the firm in April 2010 when she accepted the offer to serve in the current administration.

Geovette is happy to be back in public service where she finds satisfaction in serving her country. "I love to open the paper and see a story about something I've been working on. It makes me feel like I'm making a difference in people's lives." She has no interest in running for public office herself. She says, "I'm a problem solver. I work behind the scenes. If I'm doing my job, nobody needs to know who I am." Not surprisingly, Geovette's legal career has always made room for service. Wesleyan is fortunate that she has served her alma mater on the Board of Trustees since 2004.

## Now is the time to Nominate for 2013 Alumnae Awards:

Distinguished Achievement in a Profession • Distinguished Service to Community, Church or Wesleyan • Young Alumna Award  
For nomination forms contact the alumnae office (478) 757-5172 or download forms from our website. Deadline January 11, 2013.

# Alumnae CONNECTIONS

**CELEBRATE THE WESLEYAN DIFFERENCE!** From Colorado to DC, and from Florida to North Carolina, Wesleyan women were on the move this year - making a difference within their communities while creating a foundation of support for the college. Connecting to the Wesleyan sisterhood by networking with other Wesleyan women is rewarding and fun. Participating in alumnae activities and outreach programs not only strengthens our own ties to the College but also increases awareness of what sets Wesleyan women apart from the rest - our signature sisterhood. Join in the fun and help us celebrate the *Wesleyan Difference* by staying connected to the college and to the sisterhood. For more information on how to stay involved, visit [wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae](http://wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae) or contact the alumnae office at 478.757.5172 -- or "like us" on Facebook!

## Florida

### *Fort Myers*

In February area alumnae met at the Veranda, a historic restaurant in Fort Myers, for dinner and a wonderful evening of sisterhood. Susan Welsh, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, was on hand to share the latest news from the College with group members who plan to develop a stronger club in the Southwest Florida region. Interested alumnae should contact club leader **Alison Charney Hussey '93** ([alisonhussey@paveslaw.com](mailto:alisonhussey@paveslaw.com)) for more information about area activities.

### *Tallahassee*

Goodwood Plantation was the venue for this annual March luncheon where this year **Lisa Sloben '00**, director of the Center for the Performing Arts at Wesleyan, spoke to the group on the College's 175th Anniversary *Wesleyan Treasures* exhibit. **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** coordinated plans for the event with **Ermine Owenby '61** and **Shari Richardson Arrington '71**, who served as alumnae hostesses. Other College staff attendees included President **Ruth Knox**, Senior Development Officer Susan Allen, Alumnae Director **Cathy Coxey Snow '71** and Associate Alumnae Director **Lauren Hamblin Gibson '06**.

## Colorado

### *Littleton*

Colorado alumnae met at the home of **Patricia Shriver Mancuso '60** in Littleton for tea and a "toast" to Wesleyan's 175th Anniversary and its special sisterhood.

## North Carolina

### *Raleigh*

North Carolina Triangle Club area alumnae were invited to *Let's Do Lunch* at the Carolina Club, where they celebrated Wesleyan's 175th Anniversary and enjoyed hearing speaker **Linda Brown Walker '73** discuss *Wesleyan Authors*. **Pamela Henry Pate '71** and Linda Walker coordinated plans for the January luncheon. Club members also chose Kidz Notes, an organization that promotes music to children as their annual WOW Service Day project this year. Kidz Notes was founded in Durham, NC, by **Lucia Hutchison Peel Powe '53**.

## Washington, D.C.

D.C. Metro area alumnae met at the Society of Woman Geographers to view a photography exhibit by **Helen Harwell Smith '67**, who discussed her work on *Scotland's Stone Circles by the Sea*. Alumna Trustee **Pris Gautier Bornmann '68** and Helen Smith served as hostesses for this May event.

## Georgia

### *Athens*

In December, Athens area alumnae met for a *Happy Birthday Brunch* honoring Wesleyan's 175th Anniversary at the home of **Jill Jayne Read '62**. Other alumnae hostesses included **Sally Ann Wickersham Cauthen '62** and **Charlotte Thomas Marshall '63** who all welcomed Wesleyan guests Susan Allen and Cathy Snow to the brunch.

### *Atlanta*

In February, Atlanta Club President **Natalie Puckett Evans '02** welcomed area alumnae to a *Luncheon with the President* at Capital City Country Club where Ruth Knox gave an iPad presentation on the College. **Sally Moffett McKenna '75** and **Ruth White Fruit '55**, coordinated plans for this 175th Anniversary Luncheon event and served as alumnae hostesses along with **Angela Fulton Kirby '69** and **Jaime McQuilkin '06**. Other Wesleyan staff in attendance included Susan Allen, Cathy Snow, Lauren Gibson, **Millie Parrish Hudson '75**, campaign coordinator, and Andrea Williford, director of annual giving. In May, members participated in the Club's 2012 WOW Service Day project at the Atlanta Symphony Decorator's Showhouse. **Sally Myhand Flannagan-Neal '70** coordinated plans for the Wesleyan volunteers who celebrated 12 years of community service to the Symphony. In February, *Atlanta Young Alums* met for *Sisters in the City* at Park Tavern in Piedmont Park. **Jaime McQuilkin '06**, **Carolyn Gregory '05**, **GinaMarie Cody '08**, and **Shanita Douglas Miller '06** coordinated plans for the get-together. Earlier in the year Atlanta Young Alums met to "Cheer On" the Wesleyan Pioneer Volleyball Team at Agnes Scott College.

### *Macon*

Alumnae and friends of the College in Georgia were invited to a *175th Anniversary Reception* in Oval Hall sponsored by President Ruth Knox and the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association (WCAA), where they celebrated the College's birthday. More than 200 guests gathered after the College's annual Christmas Concert to "toast" Wesleyan's past and its next 175 years! In January, Macon Young Alumnae were invited to participate in the College's community service WOW Day at Goodwill Reading Center, where alumnae enjoyed helping young children hone reading skills. Alumnae "e-Links" and their sophomore students also met for an e-Link Reception in Hurdle Café. In addition, Macon alumnae participated in the 2012 Externship Program held during Spring Break. A Valentine's Day Tea, *An Afternoon of Sweet Delights*, was held in Burden Parlor for Macon alumnae (Classes 1935-1961) and featured entertainment by Assistant Professor of Music **Ellen Futral Hanson '83** and Associate Professor of Music and College Organist Dr. Michael McGhee. Macon Young Alumnae were invited to a pre-STUNT dinner in February.

*For more information about alumnae activities/clubs in your area contact:*

[csnow@wesleyancollege.edu](mailto:csnow@wesleyancollege.edu) or [lgibson@wesleyancollege.edu](mailto:lgibson@wesleyancollege.edu) or call the alumnae office at (478) 757-5172.

# CLUBfacebook

## 1. Celebrating Sisterhood in Fort Myers.

*From left:* Nancy Van Aken Marti '64, Susan Lillyman Hyland '64, Barbara Winkler Brown '54, and (back row) Margaret Hill Garner '58, and Alison Charney Hussey '93, enjoy dinner at the Veranda.



## 2. Goodwood Girls. Tallahassee alumnae hostesses (*from left*) Ermine Owenby '61, Shari Richardson Arrington '71, and Virginia Barber Perkins '63 with Ruth Knox at Goodwood Plantation.



## 3. Toasting Tallahassee. Ruth Knox, Marsha Hamrick Slade '73, Deborah "Quincy" Gardner Green '74, and Martha Jean Laslie Woodward '54 gather at Goodwood Plantation in March.



## 4. Holiday Brunch Hostesses. *From left:* Charlotte Thomas Marshall '63, Jill Jayne Read '62, and Sally Ann Wickersham Cauthen '62 greet Wesleyan guests Susan Allen (*far left*) and Cathy Coxey Snow '71, in Athens, GA.



## 5. Quincy Girls. Alumnae from Quincy, FL, "catch up" at Alumnae Weekend. *From left:* Susan Woodward Walker '70, Lynn Lasseter Prater '87, Carolyn Gregory '05, Kaitlyn Rentz Lancaster '12, Glendda Kingry Elliott '65, and Suzanne Spooner-Faulk '97.

## 6. DC Metro Smiles. *From left:* Richard Hart, Maureen Harris, Photographer Helen Harwell Smith '67, Alana Wilson, Ashling Thurmond Osborne '05, Nancy Greer '69, Michelle McCluney Horgan '96, Mark Horgan, Paige Getty '93 and Pris Gautier Bornmann '68 at the Society of Woman Geographers.

## 7. Atlanta WOW Day. Atlanta Club volunteers serve as docents at the 2012 Atlanta Symphony Decorator's Showhouse.



## 8. Sisters in the City. Atlanta Young Alums pose for the camera at Park Tavern in Piedmont Park.

## 9. Linking Up. Macon Young Alumnae and their sophomore e-Links meet in Hurdle Café.

## 10. Senior Toast. The Class of 2012 gathers at Bradley House for a toast with President Ruth Knox sponsored by the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association (WCAA).

## 11. Let's Do Lunch. North Carolina Triangle Club members lunch at the Carolina Club and discuss Wesleyan Authors.

## 12. NC Triangle Club WOW Day. *From left:* Linda Brown Walker '73, Mindy Fraiser '80, Pamela Henry Pate '71, and Jackie Smith Lineberger '61 don Mexican attire to volunteer at the Kidz Notes Gala.





## The Celebration Continues: A Toast to Wesleyan's next 175 Years!

In December 2011 President Ruth Knox, Wesleyan Alumnae, and Friends of the College celebrated Wesleyan's historic past, current achievements, and vision for the future at the 175th Anniversary Reception hosted by the President and the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association. The reception was held in Candler Alumnae Center's Oval Hall where holiday decorations, including the spectacular Alumnae Christmas tree, greeted guests. Honoring the College's founding date of December 23, 1836, with the cutting of a special birthday cake, Ruth Knox offered a toast to Wesleyan's next 175 years and a wish for continued success for the "Oldest and Best."

### 175th Anniversary Reception in Macon



## Toasting in Raleigh, North Carolina



Toasting Trio. From left: Linda Brown Walker '73, Fran Callaway McCommon '47 and Pamela Henry Pate '71 toast Wesleyan's 175th.



Cheers to Wesleyan. Members of the North Carolina Triangle Club toast Wesleyan at the Carolina Club.

## Anniversary Luncheon in Atlanta



True, Faithful, and Loyal in Atlanta. From left: Ruth White Fruit '54, Carolyn Sims Brooks '56, and Julie Adams Hawk '57.



A Capital Affair. Atlanta area alumnae gather to celebrate the College's 175th Anniversary at Capital City Country Club.

## Anniversary Tea in Colorado



Birthday Wish from out West. Alumnae meet in Littleton, Colorado, at the home of Patricia Shriver Mancuso '60 to celebrate the 175th!

## Birthday Brunch in Athens



Celebrating 175 Years of Sisterhood. Area alumnae from Athens, Georgia, gather for a *Happy Birthday Brunch* at the home of Jill Jayne Read '62.

For more 175th Celebration photos see the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association Facebook page.

# Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

**Esther Davis Taliaferro Boykin '37** of Charleston, SC, on the death of her sister, **Anna Davis King '34**, on March 29, 2012.

**Mary Lovett Sharpe Robinson '39** of Sylvania, GA, on the death of her sister, **Charlotte Hamilton Sharpe '45**, on March 25, 2012.

**Arline Taylor Slack '39** of Atlanta, on the death of her sister, **Dr. Marion Ruth Taylor '43**, on January 22, 2012.

**Alice Burrowes Ritter '42** of Rochester, NY, on the death of her husband, Frederick W. Ritter, on March 22, 2012.

**Cecile Sutherland LaMotte Burns '45** of Lexington, SC, on the death of her sister, **Virginia Sutherland Davis '44**, on December 18, 2011.

**Virginia Rushing Trapnell '46** of Statesboro, GA, on the death of her husband, Lamar Trapnell, on February 28, 2012.

**Jane Kollock McCall '46** of Atlanta on the death of her husband, Guyton B. McCall, on February 22, 2012.

**Laura Jones Turner '46** of LaGrange, GA, on the death of her sister, **Jessie Jones Whittemore '40**, on January 14, 2012.

**Jane Anne Mallet Settle '47** of Jackson, GA, on the death of her aunt, **Martha Mayo Lane '31**, on April 22, 2012.

**Jean Walker Knight '49** of Norfolk, VA, on the death of her sister, **Ann Walker Elliott '53**, on March 1, 2012.

**Martha Anne Wood Robertson '50** of Rocky Face, GA, on the death of her sister, **Adeline Wood Wilkes '47**, on November 14, 2011.

**Ruth Hardeman Schubring '50** of Dunwoody, GA, on the death of her mother, Ruth Hardeman (age 104), on May 25, 2012.

**Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53** of Macon, on the death of her sister, Betty Thigpen Swindell, on January 1, 2012.

**Elsie Sutherland Rogers '53** of Columbia, SC, on the death of her sister, **Virginia Sutherland Davis '44**, on December 18, 2011.

**Martha Mallet Ades '54** of Deridder, LA, on the death of her aunt, **Martha Mayo Lane '31**, on April 22, 2012.

**Harriett Willis Bevil '54** of Yantis, TX, on the death of her husband, Gene Bevil, on April 2, 2011.

**Autumn Cook "Cookie" Ireland '54** of Ormond Beach, FL, on the death of her son, David E. Fulton, on October 14, 2011.

**Libby Truitt Furlow '55** of Gainesville, FL, on the death of her daughter, Elizabeth "Beth" Walton Furlow, on May 5, 2012.

**Gretchen Nelson Scott Vann '57** of Panama City, FL, on the deaths of her husband, Leroy Vann, on February 16, 2012, and her father, M.G. Nelson, on December 21, 2012.

**Libby Cauthen Hofmann '58** of Pasadena, CA, on the death of her brother, William Anderson Cauthen, on April 2, 2012.

**Kitty Vinson Pullen '59** of Byron, GA, on the death of her husband, Patrick "Pat" L. Pullen, on March 8, 2012.

**Juliana Hardeman Caldwell '61** of Cape Coral, FL, on the death of her mother, Ruth Hardeman (age 104), on May 25, 2012.

**Jane Brockinton Earhart '64** of Palm Coast, FL, on the death of her husband, Stephen "Steve" G. Earhart, on February 8, 2012.

**Susan Lillyman Hyland '64** of Fort Myers, FL, on the death of her sister, **Jean Lillyman Melamed '68**, on May 2, 2012.

**Linda Segler Reynolds '65** of Spanish Fort, AL, on the death of her husband, Lewis K. Reynolds, on August 2, 2011.

**Mary Lorraine Towers Weese '66** of Clarkesville, GA, on the death of her mother, Jean Alberta Towers, on March 14, 2012.

**Donna Howell Lawson '67** of Greensboro, NC, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Francis Howell, on January 19, 2011.

**Judy Reinhart North '67** of Rossville, GA, on the death of her husband, Lamar North, on January 20, 2011.

**Pat R. Hardeman '68** of Macon on the death of her mother, Ruth Hardeman (age 104), on May 25, 2012.

**Lynn Cauthen McNeill '71** of West Union, SC, on the death of her brother, William Anderson Cauthen, on April 2, 2012.

**Lacy Middlebooks Camp '72** of Athens, GA, on the death of her mother, **Martha Harrison Middlebrooks '44**, on March 17, 2012.

**Alta Mae Marvin Henderson '73** of Walterboro, SC, on the death of her mother, **Anna Lou Carrington Marvin '41**, on December 3, 2011.

**Ginny Slack '73** of Atlanta, on the death of her aunt, **Dr. Marion Ruth Taylor '43**, on January 22, 2012.

**Selma Middlebrooks Gore '75** of LaGrange, GA, on the death of her mother, **Martha Harrison Middlebrooks '44**, on March 17, 2012.

The Honorable **Cynthia D. Wright '75** of Atlanta, on the death of her mother, Corawayne Weller Wright, on January 30, 2012.

**Dorothy Budd Murray '77** of Griffin, GA, on the death of her mother, **Dorothy Rountree Budd '39**, on January 29, 2012.

**Virginia T. Phillips '77** of Macon, on the death of her daughter, **Margaret "Ellen" NeSmith '92** on March 5, 2012.

**Ellen Futral Hanson '83** of Macon, on the death of her mother, Betty Beckham Futral, on February 21, 2012.

**Ginger Caldwell Musser '83** of Kennesaw, GA, on the death of her grandmother, Ruth Hardeman (age 104), on May 25, 2012.

**Charlotte NeSmith Watson '85** of Macon, on the death of her sister, **Margaret "Ellen" NeSmith '92**, on March 5, 2012.

**Bernice Isaac '87** of Marietta, GA, on the death of her mother, Beverly Wolf Isaac, on February 19, 2012.

**Stephanie Bethel '04** of Roslindale, MA, on the death of her mother, Patricia "Trish" Anne Bethel, on November 9, 2011.

# Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

**Abbie Smoak Lacienski '01** and Chris of Statesboro, GA, on the birth of their second daughter, Ivy Elise Lacienski, on December 22, 2011.

**Elsa George Antony '02** and Syam of Tucker, GA, on the birth of their first child, Isabel Antony, on May 6, 2011.

**Hannah Gandy Fleckenstein '03** and John of Forsyth, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Riley Grace Fleckenstein, on April 14, 2012. Big sister Olivia is delighted, as is grandmother **Glennda Kingry Elliott '65**.

**Shelly Walden Gable '06** and Michael of Macon, on the birth of a daughter, Ellen Kay Gable, on April 25, 2012.

**Jenna Miller Jones '06**, Jason Jones, and big sister Wimberly, on the birth of a new baby boy, Samuel Boyd Jones, on Jenna and Jason's 7th wedding anniversary, October 30, 2011.

**Melinda Fitzgerald Goggans '07** and Joseph of Macon, on the birth of their daughter, Molly Kate Goggans, on November 28, 2011. Proud grandmother is **Mary Ann Aiken Fitzgerald '83** also of Macon.

# Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

**Kara Bollmeier Jagger-Miller '97** of Old Hickory, TN, on her marriage to Scott Miller on April 11, 2011.

**Sylvia Abney '09** of Jacksonville, NC, on her marriage to Christopher M. Brasel, on August 20, 2011, in Buford, GA.



## IN MEMORIAM CORAWAYNE WELLER WRIGHT

January 16, 1919 – January 30, 2012  
Associate Librarian (1969-1989)  
Chair of Programs and Exhibitions

A graduate of George Peabody College for Teachers, Corawayne Wright earned a master's degree in library science from Florida State University, where she taught for 20 years before joining Wesleyan College's faculty in 1969. During her 20 year tenure as a reference librarian at Wesleyan, Mrs. Wright mentored many students and professors and served on numerous committees. She served as chair of the Programs and Exhibitions committee and as an advisor for the Katharine Payne Carnes Lecture Series committee. A long-time member of the Macon Writers' Club, PEO, and Friends of the Library, her love of literature and her writing skills were among her many gifts to colleagues, students, friends, and family. In 2009, Mrs. Wright celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in the Burden Parlor with friends from the college and community. In March, Wesleyan honored Mrs. Wright with a special memorial service also held in Burden Parlor. Corawayne Wright was the mother of two daughters, Candace Wright Springer and The Honorable Cynthia D. Wright '75.

# In Memoriam

1929	Mary Lester Brooks
1931	Helen Cahill Huey
	Martha Mayo Lane
1934	Anna Davis King
1936	Mary Tom Rochester Henderson
1939	Dorothy Rountree Budd
1940	Bess Patterson Hewell
	Jessie Jones Whittemore
1941	Anna Lou Carrington Marvin
1942	Martha Wilcox Donnelly
1943	Mildred Woodward Smith Cotton
	Angela Wilkerson O'Kelley
	Marion Ruth Taylor
1944	Mildred Claire Bovaird
	Virginia Sutherland Davis
	Martha Harrison Middlebrooks
	Julia Clark Walker
1945	Dorothy Hollis Lachmund
	Miriam Chylinski Lykke
	Ina Blair Nau
	Charlotte Hamilton Sharpe
1947	Margaret Woods Birk
	Alice Heston Gibson
	Adeline Wood Wilkes
1948	Beryl Furet Barrett
	Alice Wasden Jones Carr
	Anne Johnson Tutt Kalinin
	Betty Wisdom Pearce
1949	Joyce Kingry Clay
	Ann Mooneyham Jacobs Baird
	Julia Carreker Mathias
1950	C. Homer Fuller, Jr.
	Elizabeth Head Richardson
1951	Virginia Smith Swymer
1952	Betty Lou Soulby Logan
	Mary Lane McRae
1953	Ann Walker Elliott
	Carol Casey Rowland
1954	Ann Aiken Burch
	Barbara Lee Martin
1957	Elizabeth Josephine Gay
1965	Janel McCord Moore
1966	Patricia Glass Thorpe
1967	Carol Anne Golden
1968	Annett James Barnard
	Jean Lillyman Melamed
1969	Betty McCallum Bivins
1970	Jeanne Yager Tribble
1992	Margaret Ellen NeSmith
2005	Stephanie Marie Mercer



Class of 1942 (70th reunion) Left to Right: Mildred Fincher Efland and Irma King Guest



## ▲ 1928 (84th Reunion)

"Our daughters took turns bringing Mary Lester Brooks '29 and me to the Golden Belles luncheon every year," recalls Annie Mays Larmore '28. "I live with my daughter, Dr. Carroll Dammann, in Atlanta. Carroll, a psychiatrist, loves Wesleyan, but she chose Duke and Emory." Our congratulations to Annie Larmore on celebrating her 105th birthday in February 2012; the WCAA celebrated the occasion with her at the 2012 Golden Belles Luncheon!

## 1930s

"I remember my sophomore year, all the dances and pageants we did celebrating Wesleyan's 100th Anniversary," writes Dorothy "Dot" Wink Bolding '38 from Daytona Beach, FL. "It was great fun. I'm proud of my Alma Mater!"

"I am enjoying my six children and their mates, my 23 grandchildren, and my 18 great grandkids," notes Mary Lovett Sharpe Robinson '39. "There's never a dull moment! I'm supposed to be living alone, 100 yards from my eldest daughter. My house, 'Tremble Toe,' stays full all the time and I love it." Sadly, Mary Lovett's sister, Charlotte Sharpe '45, died recently. (See *Sympathy*.)

## 1940s

### ▲ 1942 (70th Reunion)

**Mildred Fincher Efland** and **Irma King Guest** were proud to represent the Class of '42 at reunion weekend. With more than 70 years of special friendships and memories to share they were honored to be a part of Wesleyan's Alumnae Weekend tribute to the College's 175 year history.

**Alice Burrowes Ritter** '42 of Rochester, NY, was unable to attend reunion and sends love to classmates. "My beloved husband of 65 years, Frederick Ritter, died March 22, 2012. He held on until our son arrived from Vancouver, BC. My daughter stayed with me for a few weeks and I have received much help from the staff here as well as from friends and our church. Memories will always be associated with Wesleyan where I was an assistant librarian while Frederick was in the Pacific and I was waiting for him to return. Everyone shared my joy when he arrived at the gate. He loved Wesleyan reunions. Please pray for my strength and grace to cope with this." (See *Sympathy*.)

"I'm still living at my home on Emory Road in Atlanta, driving, and keeping house," says **Frances "Shorty" Sanders Richter** '44. "I'd love to hear from any of my classmates."

**Mary Euyang Shen** '46 and I keep in touch via email," reports **Thelma "Ted" Dillard Ethridge** '46. "Mary's granddaughter is living with her while awaiting admission to medical school."

## ▲ 1947 (65th Reunion)

**Fran Callaway McCommon** treated members of the Class of 1947 to a Saturday afternoon Tea at her home across the street from Wesleyan. Class President **Martha Bradford Swann** welcomed Golden Hearts back for a memorable 65th where tea-time-talk included news of children, grandchildren, greats, and great greats! Celebrating the College's past yet eager to hear how Wesleyan is preparing for its next 175 years, classmates proudly marched into the Annual Meeting of the WCAA with "hearts" filled with gratitude for special friendships that have endured the test of time.

From her home in Asheville, NC, **Anne Carlton Blanchard** '47 writes, "This is one of the few times I have missed our reunion, and I am very sorry. My spine was fractured in two places by an automatic door which knocked me down, and I am still having complications that would have made the trip too difficult. Please know that I missed being there very much. I love all of you and hope I will make it to 2017!"

"I'm still active and still painting!" writes **Eugenia Corley Simmons** '47 of Macon.

"Still going strong (using a cane) with two hip replacements, one knee replacement, and a broken femur bone that pulled," reports **Toni Smith Suiter** '47. "One hip replacement resulted in a bone graft, plus a metal plate. Just call me a bionic woman!"

## Martha Bradford Swann '47

enjoyed reunion and seeing her classmates. Back home in Spartanburg, SC, Martha hosted the March 2012 meeting of The Book Club where she met new book club member Melissa Johnson. Melissa, the former Alumnae Director at Converse, knows **Cathy Coxey Snow** '71, Wesleyan's director – small world! The Book Club, composed of 12 members, allows no visitors or outside speakers and has met continuously for 106 years.

"I had a delightful visit with **Jane Clapp Anderson** '48 over Labor Day weekend," reports **Corky Dessau Holliday** '48. "She has a large mountain home in Montreat, NC. With the very hot summer in Macon, this was a real treat for me. I still go to Wesleyan to enjoy the many musicals, programs, and events."

"In April I turned over my travel business to a young friend," writes **Liz Hean Stone** '48. "My daughter, **Elizabeth 'Lisa' Stone** '82, is running for a Cumberland County judge. She was the 5th generation to go to Wesleyan, although only for a year. She graduated from Franklin and Marshall and later from the Vermont Law School. She has practiced law ever since, clerking for two judges, serving four and one-half years as a public defender, and working for the last 15 years in family practice with her father and brother. Lisa is married and has an 11-year-old son. I took my

## Class of 1947 (65th reunion)

(L-R) Row 1: Georgann Dessau Blum, Fran Callaway McCommon, Gloria

Thornton Orr Back Row: Mildred Scott McGoldrick, Jane Epps Henry, Frances Oehmig Collins, Martha Bradford Swann



oldest son to Georgia with family to see Wesleyan, Eatonton, Dennis Station, Lake Sinclair, and Milledgeville, GA. Both Humber and Garrard Plantations are now all pine trees!"

"We are doing pretty well for two old people," comments **Mimi Roads Griffith '49** of Palmetto, GA. "The Lord willing, we will celebrate our 62nd wedding anniversary on June 5th."

"Joe and I have two great grandsons, Tyler and Oliver; all Googes," reports **Betty Buntyn Googe '49** from Knoxville, TN. "Tyler is by Gordon's son and Oliver is by Joe Jr.'s son."

"Praise Wesleyan!" exclaims

**Margaret Duckworth Sewell '49.** "I trust that I will always be true. Thank you for my wonderful start in life and contributions to my development ever since. Introducing me to many long-time friends is one of your greatest contributions!"

"My husband and I are living in a lovely retirement home called Spring Harbor in Columbus, GA," writes **Fran Smith Ramsey '49.**

"I am expecting my 22nd grandchild in May (counting my 'greats')," notes **Libba Cook Smith '49** of Statesboro, GA. "I am so blessed!"

## 1950s

"My sister, **Adeline Wood Wilkes '47** died from complications following surgery just before Thanksgiving," reports **Martha Ann Wood Robertson '50** from Rocky Face, GA. (See *Sympathy*.)

After teaching vocal music for 25 years in Baltimore County, MD, **Robin Chesney Hopkins '51** and her husband, Wylie, continue to travel extensively. "Our daughters, Amanda and Adrienne, graduated from Brown and Vanderbilt. Amanda is COO at Conn Health Systems in Farmington, CT, and Adrienne and husband Dan are raising 7-year-old twins! I am most grateful for the fine education Wesleyan gave me and I cherish the friendships I made. We were saddened by the death of **Adrienne Thompson Bailey '52** last August. She was a dear friend."

"I had surgery in May 2011 to get a left ankle joint replacement and walk normally again!" exclaims **Dr. Mary Ruth "Lewi" Lewis '51** of Houston, TX. "I will appear in the 2012 Edition of *Who's Who in America*."

### ▲ 1952 (60th Reunion)

Members of the Class of 1952 had a "Great Green Knight" time during Alumnae Weekend as they returned to campus to celebrate 60+ years of Wesleyan friendship. Our thanks to Reunion Chairs **Marella Mitchell Cassels** and **Charlotte Battle Everbach** who coordinated plans for reunion that included a Friday night class party at LaQuinta Inn. Classmates had much to applaud at the Annual Meeting of the WCAA as one of their own, Class e-Rep Charlotte Everbach, received a 2012 Alumnae Award for Service to

the Community. Spending quality time with Wesleyan sisters meant that many memories were shared and stories told – all infused with GK love and laughter.

"I will long remember this reunion," says **Marella Mitchell Cassels '52** from Clearwater, FL. "We came up on Thursday in time for a trip to the hospital in an ambulance to sew up my head which I opened in a fall! My four children are scattered all over the U.S., as are my nine grandchildren. Those of us who came to reunion only wish that more had joined us."

"Wow! How the time flies by!" exclaims **Mary Eva Bryan DuBose '52.** "I still live with my daughter, Diane Moore, in McDonough, GA. My oldest granddaughter will graduate from nursing school in May and my other granddaughter will have a baby in May, so I'll be a great-grandmom!"

"I'm healthy and happy. Come see me!" writes **Charlotte Battle Everbach '52** who lives in Winter Park, FL. Charlotte retired after 35 years as an interior designer. She has one daughter, Geri, in Massachusetts. They will travel to Prague this summer where they will visit Charlotte's granddaughter, Kendall. Kendall is a student at the University of Massachusetts and is studying art history. Congratulations to Charlotte who is a 2012 Alumnae Award Recipient. (See *Award Recipients*, page 50.)

"We had seven people from the Class of 1952 attend reunion (four from the College and three from the Conservatory). I plan to do some planning for the Conservatory gals," writes **Evelyn LeRoy Fortson '52** from Charlotte, NC.

**Ann Pasley Fletcher '52** of Thomaston, GA, still remembers with great fondness her Wesleyan roommate and friend, **June Martin Benson '52**, who died many years ago.

"Goodness - where have all the years gone?" asks **Pat Murphy Persinger '52.** "My 60 years of memories include Joe, my husband of 58 years, sons Joe Jr. and Steve, daughter Meg, and a bunch of great in-laws. We also have five handsome grandsons and two beautiful granddaughters. Two great grandchildren have recently joined the clan. We are so blessed! We divide our time between Sandestin, FL, and Lookout Mountain, TN. I treasure my friends from long ago."

"It was great to be at Alumnae Weekend and see the few gals who were able to attend!" exclaims "**Mac McCurdy Senna '52** of St. Simons Island, GA. "Our daughter, **Sher Senna Pollard '72**, was also there for her 40th. Joe and I are still traveling and cruising a lot. We've now visited all seven continents; cruised Antarctica in 2011 to complete the list! We also welcomed a second great granddaughter to the family in 2011."



## Class of 1952 (60th reunion)

(L-R) Row 1: "Mac" McCurdy Senna, Charlotte Battle Everbach, Pat Murphy Persinger Back row: Irma Rigby Collins, Evelyn LeRoy Fortson, Marella Mitchell Cassels

**Claire Houser-Dodd '53** of Fort Valley, GA, notes three things she's enjoyed this year - "having fun with the grand, Matthew Turner, writing about Wesleyan's 175th Anniversary for *Senior News*, and my new neighbor, Ed Wassen, finding the Wesleyan diploma of a Flournoy relative in the attic and sending it to Wesleyan."

"Sadly, our dear, good 'ole Ratty, **Ann Walker Elliott '53**, died March 1, 2012, of a sudden heart attack," reports **Helen "Blackie" Blackmarr Outler '53**. "We honored her as Student Council President, enjoyed her wit and wisdom, loved her dearly, and will miss her." (See *In Memoriam*.)

"I have founded the first El Sistema program in the South, in "East" Durham, NC, known for its poverty and crime," says **Lucia Hutchinson Powe '53** who lives in Chapel Hill, NC. "Similar programs will start soon in both Atlanta and Charlotte. We use classical music training (starting at the 4-year-old level) to stimulate left brain-right brains and to promote reading. The program also promotes children staying in school and off streets and out of gangs, drugs, and prison."

"I still live in Duluth, GA, and work in the family business, Parsons, in Cumming, GA," notes **Kathy Parsons Willis '53**. "I have six grandchildren all in the area."

"My church, community, and family have supported me greatly on my journey since the death of my husband, Gene, in April 2011," writes **Harriett**

**Willis Bevil '54** from Yantis, TX. I have 12 grandchildren; the oldest four are in college and the youngest three are in elementary school." (See *Sympathy*.)

"I lost all of my Wesleyan keepsakes: diploma, annuals, etc., along with all the rest of my household in a fire Nov. 4th last year," writes **Carole Broadwell Hollis '55**. "I am fortunate to be with my only daughter in Marshall, TX. You can't take it with you."

**David E. Fulton**, first born of **Autumn Cook Ireland '54**, died unexpectedly on October 14, 2011, of unknown causes. "He was 55 years old and left behind a wife and two grown daughters," writes Autumn. (See *Sympathy*.)

"2011 has been both good and bad," reports **Ann Parsons Odum '54**. "I lost my husband of 55 years and family and friends have been very supportive. I also came out with a book of 95 of my paintings entitled *Duluth, Georgia: Through the Eyes of One of Its Own*. It was very fitting since my great, great granddad co-founded the town."

"It was so good to see **Joann Garrett Rusch '55** in November at our 60th high-school reunion for Miller-Lanier in Macon," reports **Susan Higgins Parry '55** from San Diego, CA. "I had not seen her since she married."

It was a special pleasure this fall for **Dot Smith Yandle '55** to "catch up" with Wesleyan classmates **Susan Higgins Parry '55** and **Joann Garrett Rusch '55** at their 60th high school reunion in Macon.

Congratulations to **Kay Johnson Bergh '56** of Hawkinsville, GA, on the birth of her great grandson, Chandler Blake Bergh, on July 21, 2011. His parents are Brandon and Christie Bergh.

"Last fall my husband, Mike, and I visited with **Carolyn Sims Brooks '56** and **Arline Atkins Finch '56**," reports **Trudy Wilson Topolosky '56** from Waynesboro, VA. "How good they look!"

## ▲1957 (55th Reunion)

Red is still the favorite color of members of the Class of 1957 who returned to campus to celebrate 45 years of sisterhood. Our thanks to Reunion Co-Chairs **Martha Sisson Gaston**, **Christine Little Greene**, **Julie Adams Hawk** (also Class e- Rep), and to the late Reunion Chair **Nancy Ann Howard** who began original plans for the 55th several years ago. According to Julie Hawk, "Our 55th reunion was really something special! We had 14 class members to attend along with six 'brave' husbands. Also,

13 classmates sent notes and photos to share. A highlight of the weekend was the Service of Remembrance for 29 dearly departed classmates. **Jean Middlebrooks Morris**, **Pont Riley Hall**, **Christine Greene** and I participated. The Scripture was chosen by Martha Gaston and the hymn was suggested by **Reba Thurmond**. As a class, we can pat ourselves on the back because out of the 16 reunion classes,

we were ranked 3rd in the total amount given to Wesleyan for our class gift. For those who couldn't be with us, we missed you terribly! Remember we love you and hope you can be with us next time. Now - on to our 60th reunion that will be led by **Ruth Chapman Ham**, **Maria Higgins**, and **JoAn Bloodworth Nunnelly**. See you in April 2017!"

"Dear Wonderful Women: I hate to miss the great gathering... but... I have got to spend every possible hour completing (trying to) the very large 10'x14' painting that will be my main piece in the invitational show at Brenau's Simmons Gallery. It must be complete and delivered by 4/24...and wow have my studio days had 'competition.' Please know I love you. And HODGE - DOUBLE THANKS for your extra effort to be at the Girl Scout Celebration! It was indeed a 'family reunion' for me! Have a great time and promise to share all the details with me after 4/24.... much, much love to you all!" emails **Rosemary Wood Dodd '57** from Gainesville, GA.

"The 55th reunion was a marvelous experience of the old and new. Seeing friends most of us hadn't seen since a prior reunion was delightful. The buildings and campus were beautiful with the added facilities and refurbished former ones. I felt pride in our former home of four years in all aspects - Wesleyan has kept up with the times but the things we remember

## Class of 1957 (55th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Nancy McClellan Flowers, Jean Middlebrooks Morris, Julie Adams Hawk, Jema Davis Gray, JoAn Bloodworth Nunnelly, Maria Higgins **Row 2:** "Pont" Riley Hall and Eleanor McDonald Still **Row 3:** Joan Maddox Sammons, Martha Anne Neville Reynolds and Christine Little Greene. **Back row:** Nancy Haller and Ruth Chapman Ham.



and loved are still there. Wesleyan has a great president, **Ruth Knox**, and wonderful staff," writes **Ruth Chapman Ham** '57 from her home in Smarr, GA.

"My health won't let me make the trip to reunion this year...maybe next year," writes **Sally Thorp Heath** '57 of Floral City, FL. Sally enjoys receiving newsy class email letters from e-Rep **Julie Adams Hawk** '57 and says, "Please keep up the great correspondence; you cannot imagine what your letters mean to me."

**Mary Jane Doar Hunter** '57 of Georgetown, TX, sends thanks to Class e-Rep **Julie Adams Hawk** '57. "Your emails keep everyone up-to-date and informed! Wish I could make it to reunion but can't. It would be fun seeing classmates again. You are special taking on the task of 'informer'...I do remember lots of the girls you mention and my two years at Wesleyan, which was an exciting time in my life. Keep me on the list...."

**Carla Dubose Kalec** '57 of Odessa, FL, reports, "I was unable to come to the 55<sup>th</sup> Wesleyan reunion. I think this was the first one I have missed! It sounds like the memorial service was beautiful and I hated to miss it."

**Anne Hankinson Lane** '57 of Atlanta writes, "How I wish that I could be there for all of the reunion festivities! Please give everyone my love!"

"In December, Randy and I moved to Lanier Village Estates in Gainesville,

GA," writes **Mary Hodge Malone** '57. "We will miss lovely Lake Burton, our home for the past 11 years. However, we love it here and being closer to two of our children and their families and many Wesleyan friends makes it a wonderful move. I sure will miss seeing everyone at reunion. Have fun for me... and that covers a lot! Tell everyone, 'Hi! from Hodge!'"

**Lee Brown Miller** '57 lives in San Clemente, CA, and had hoped to be able to attend reunion. "My last visit to the College was during the 1996 Atlanta Olympics where my son-in-law, Karch Kiraly, won a gold medal in beach volleyball. I fondly remember my two years at Wesleyan for the beautiful surroundings, the wonderful instructors, and lovely classmates - all of which contributed to an inspiring time in my life. My thoughts will be with you all."

"In May I appeared in *Barbecuing Hamlet*, a comedy/farce with the Vagabond Players. It's the first show we've done at the Central Activities Center here in Phenix City, AL, and we plan to do more. We also do shows at various stages in Columbus. I've been fortunate to have performed this past year in five different shows. Playing Vernadette in *Dixie Swim Club* was my favorite role, and one of the most favorite I've ever done. It was great to see old friends at reunion and great to see everyone looking so good!" writes **Jean Middlebrooks Morris** '57.

"Love to all from Fort Collins, CO, writes **Susan Stankrauff Newman** '57. "I'll miss you guys and would give anything to be with you for our 55<sup>th</sup> .... It's just a little hard to get around these days...Have a splendid weekend!"

"Our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion was wonderful and it was great to see so many from our class. We really missed those who weren't able to come and it wasn't quite the same without **Nancy Howard**, but we always seem to pick up just where we left off the last time we were together. We were all so proud of the great things that have been added to our campus and the exciting plans for the future," emails **Martha Anne Neville Reynolds** '57 from Charlotte, NC.

"Jim and I will celebrate our 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary July 3. I talked to **Adele Burgin Weaver** '57 of Macon prior to reunion. We told 'grandchildren stories.' Her grandson Hunter is 8 and loves to play baseball. We have two granddaughters (15 and 12) who play basketball (their dad's a coach), softball, and run cross country. Abbie (12) is our violinist. Katie sings. Perhaps one or both could be Wesleyannes. Christopher (14) is a computer 'junkie' and will visit us this summer to help his grandparents with VBS. I'll miss reunion but will be thinking of you all and awaiting Teenie's DVD (if she really does another one)! I know the Tri-Ks will be true to our reputation of always having a good time with lots of laughs. My love to all," writes **Sandra Deisch Ringdahl** '57 from Williston, FL.

**Martha G. Rowlett** '57 of Asheville, NC, reports, "I had looked forward to reconnecting with Wesleyan classmates and seeing the campus but family events that required my presence had been scheduled during reunion weekend and I had to be elsewhere." Martha sends love and best wishes to her Wesleyan sisters.

**Nancy McNamara Score** '57 of Rocky River, OH, sends classmates her best for a festive 55<sup>th</sup>! "Hope it is a great and fun reunion. I am sorry it didn't work out for me but it has been fun being in the loop via email. Please give me a final review when you have time. Smiles to everyone!"

**Catherine Brandon Stainback** '57 of Atlanta was "out of town in a different direction on the dates of the reunion" but sent best wishes for a great time to everyone. Catherine appreciates the e-Rep messages and says, "I have appreciated information about other class members. Since I transferred as a junior to UNC, I had lost touch with a lot of people."

"Hello to all classmates of 1957," says **Barbara Wittstruck Trombly** '57. "I'd love to be with you to share our memories of Wesleyan. I'm grateful to be able to spend each day with my husband, Claude. Four of our children and their families live in central Florida. Our oldest son lives in Colorado. We have 11 grandchildren and one great grandson. We are in Orlando, FL, fall through spring and in Vermont during the summer."



## Class of 1962 (50th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Carol Ann Rollins Harrison, Maria Tsong Lian, Ellen Chaney Patterson, Ellen Weldon Dukes, Harriet Laslie Reynolds, Harriet Holland Schmitt, Liz Daves Ream, Susan von Unwerth Overman **Row 2:** Sharon Faris, Frances Parker McCrary, Sally Ann Wickersham Cauthen, Betty Burroughs Smith, Sarah Neva Calhoun Savage, Maylin Burdison Ashe, Elaine Averette Browning-Erneston, Marilyn Johnson Tuttle, Sherry Staples Hubbard, Nancy Glover Kennedy, Marybelle Proctor Menzel **Back Row:** Peggy Smith Pittman, Patricia Bonner Burton, Ann Yarbrough Mallard, Iris Carroll Edwards, Dottie Rhoden Hicks, Rachel Eppenhimer Livezey, Ruth Dunagan Wood, Jill Jayne Read, Jackie Turner Bailey, Charlotte Jolly Hale, LaTrelle Blackburn Oliver, Rhoda Morrison Joyner

**Gretchen Nelson Scott Vann '57** of Panama City, FL, was sorry to miss this reunion. "I know there will be much laughing and hugging... Can just imagine the fun and giggling. I have so much admiration for the teachers that I had each year and for the young women that I shared four years with. Take care and please give my love to all," writes Gretchen. (See *Sympathy*.)

According to an article in the *Marco Island Sun Times*, **Margaret Norris Garner '58** of Fort Myers, FL, is still "presiding over pomp and pageantry" as administrative director of the city's Edison Pageant of Light, a celebration dedicated to the city's most famous snowbird, Thomas Edison. A tradition since 1938, the pageant pays homage to Edison via a Coronation Ball held in February that honors the mythical realm of Edisonia, complete with the crowning of a local king and queen with special regalia - including royal robes, crowns, scepters and thrones!

2011 highlights for **Dr. Anne McGee Morganstern '58** were participating in a conference at Cambridge University (UK) in April and a trip to France in the fall.

"I am loving life!" exclaims **Joan Nachbaur Rathbun '58**. "I have wonderful grandchildren (ages 6, 9, 10 and 11) and I work part time at my church. I travel and visit friends and family. I have fond memories of my years at Wesleyan. Happy 175th!"

"I love hearing news of my classmates," writes **Carmella "Chris" Christopher Kelsey '59. "I'm happy in my retirement and I do volunteer work in Winston-Salem, NC. We all seem to stay busy spreading that Golden Heart spirit!"**

In June 2011, Maconite **Carol King Pope '59** enjoyed a painting trip to Italy.

## 1960s

"I enjoyed a wonderful 'Fall - Colorado House Party' with my friends and 1960 classmates from Wesleyan: **Karen Widdowson Hunt, Mary Amerson Burt, Winkie Nesbitt Game and Betsy Bishop Shipley**," reports **Patricia "Patty" Shiver Mancuso '60**. "The weather was wonderful and the Aspen trees in the mountains were a perfect golden color."

"I have a new grandson, Lockey Sisto Streat," says **Beverly Jo Flynt Streat '60**. "He is a year old and granddaughter, Stephanie Lynn Streat, is 6."

Since the death of her husband, **Mary Jo Porch Floyd '61** has moved to Tucson, AZ, to be closer to her children. She is soon to have back surgery at Tucson Medical Center. She writes, "I am doing okay and continue to walk three miles a day on a treadmill. I know that my southeastern family and friends have enjoyed a beautiful spring of blooming trees and flowers...that I do miss. I do not miss the weather warnings, however,

and I keep you all in my prayers as the dangerous weather systems move east. I have been visiting a couple of Methodist churches here that are less than ten minutes from my home and realize that it will take me a while to get to know them and what I am looking for. My Vineville church family will be a 'hard act' to follow."

"Members of the Class of 1961 have met for lunch in the Atlanta area four times since our 50th reunion last April," reports **Nancy Bowden Wiley '61**. "We have really enjoyed these luncheons and renewing great friendships!"

## A 1962 (50th Reunion)

Our thanks to Reunion Chair **Marybelle Proctor Menzel**, Co-Chair **Charlotte Jolly Hale**, Class e-Rep **Rhoda Morrison Joyner** and Committee Members **Jane Flemister Batten, Vida Gentry Beall, Dottie Rhoden Hicks, Sue Sumerhill O'Kelley, Susan von Unwerth Overman, Peggy Smith Pittman, Jill Jayne Read and Liz Daves Ream** for setting the stage for a remarkable 50<sup>th</sup> Wesleyan reunion. Purple Knights and their guests from all over the country attended the Golden Belles Luncheon where Charlotte Hale began the weekend with a prayer of thanksgiving for a special homecoming. Bravo to **Jackie Turner Bailey** for serving as Chair of the 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration Concert and to members of the Class of '62 who performed. Grand Marshals Susan

Overman and Liz Ream led the Parade of Classes with **Carol Ann Rollins Harrison** serving as class flag bearer. PKs decked out in special "Purple Hat Regalia" cheered in the Annual Meeting of the WCAA when Charlotte Hale received a 2012 Alumnae Award for Service to the Community, and applauded with pride as the Class was recognized for a special reunion gift that garnered a *WESLEYAN FIRST* recognition when it was announced that the Class of 1962 was the *FIRST* class to be a Friend of Pierce Chapel. More honors for the Class included its 45% participation to the Annual Loyalty Fund and special gift given to one of its own, **Julie Snelling Blanks** from Christchurch, New Zealand, who traveled the farthest to reunion. Weekend celebrations continued at two class parties, one hosted by Liz Ream. Sunday's *Morning Watch*, chaired by Dottie Hicks, provided a meaningful liturgy and ending to a great 50th!

"My son, Jim, and wife Nikki had their third son in March," notes proud grandmother **Jackie Turner Bailey '62** from Austell, GA. "I loved working with **Casey Thurman '65** and **Karen Moore Thomson '67** on the 2012 reunion recital."

**Ellen Weldon Dukes '62** lives in Austell, GA. "I retired recently and am working on restructuring my life making time to 'smell the roses.' I still sing in the Atlanta Symphony Chorus. I've been with this group for 30 years!"

## Class of 1967 (45th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Carol Anne Golden; Jean Widney Wynn; Flora Phillips Grindstaff; Helen Harwell Smith; Marilyn Vickers **Row 2:** Jeanne Nabell Grow; Jane Manley Wheeless; Kasey Carneal Phillips **Row 3:** Bobbie Dunn Rowe; Helen Neal Kleiber; Laura Treadway de Martino; Karen Moore Thomson; Alexis Xides Bighley **Back Row:** Flo Williams Douglas; Janie Hudson Williams; Marilyn Avra Williams; Judy Warren Edwards; Judy Ragland Armstrong; Anne Hilger Manley **Not pictured:** Nancy Condes Whitsett and Ann Hyatt Brim



"Since Walter retired in 2002, after 50 years of ministry, we have lived in a wonderful little house in the woods at the edge of the Ocala National Forest in Florida," says Iris Carroll Edwards '62. "We love our retirement life - reading much, working in the yard, volunteering in the church and community, and enjoying family and friends."

"The 50th celebration was wonderful. It was fun seeing Class of '62 classmates like Sarah Neva Calhoun Savage and Sharon Faris, former roommates that I hadn't seen in 50 years," writes Carol Anne Rollins Harrison '62 from her home in Blairsville, GA.

"I am blessed to be part of the Wesleyan family," writes Dottie Rhoden Hicks '62 from Cobbtown, GA. "What a great celebration we had as the *Golden Girls*. Wesleyan made us feel special. It was a delight to see friends I had not seen in 50 years – not since graduation. Alumnae Weekend will be a treasured memory."

"Our Golden Belles 50th PK Class of 1962 Reunion was fabulous and fun. We had 38 classmates registered. Our thanks to the Wesleyan Alumnae Office staff for the beautifully planned events and support. We are determined to keep in touch through our e-mail news list of 57 classmates! We are proud of our more than 42% of giving to the Loyalty Fund and pleased to be the *FIRST* class to be a

Friend of Pierce Chapel. Doug and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary and the high school graduation of our grandson, Caleb Joseph Davidson, with a family trip to Alaska in July. I'm excited about my newest endeavor which is being a certified Svaroopa\* Yoga teacher. In June I will be attending advanced training in Treating Pain, in Exton, PA," reports Rhoda Morrison Joyner '62 from Decatur, GA.

"I thoroughly enjoyed our 50th reunion. I always thought I would get there, but not this soon! I especially enjoyed the concert orchestrated by Jackie Turner Bailey '62. I could have listened on and on to the organ. It is magnificent and such a treasure for Wesleyan. I was at the concert when Virgil Fox played at its dedication - that would have been in either 1958 or 1959. Thanks so much to the committee who planned all our activities. It was great to see everyone, especially those we had not seen in 50 years. I believe Carol Anne Rollins should get the prize for wearing the most purple!" declares Harriet Laslie Reynolds '62 of Augusta, GA.

According to Harriet Holland Schmitt '62 of Kailua-Kona, HI, "The 50th reunion couldn't have been better! The planning by the College and our PK sisters made for a fun-filled weekend. I'm happy to see how beautifully the campus has been maintained. All the new buildings fit

nicely with the ones we knew so well. The students were delightful. Two students even volunteered to take Sharon and me on a 'private tour' because we were so busy we missed the regularly scheduled ones. Every memory I have of the weekend is delightful. Thanks to the Wesleyan staff and our wonderful classmates."

"We sold our Georgia home and our south Florida home and moved to Palm Coast, FL," writes Jane Brockinton Earhart '64. "We love it here. The people are so friendly and we live in a great neighborhood. The living here is slower than ever before but my neighborhood is always busy."

Suzanne Gosnell Joye '64 of Lexington, SC, retired in June after a 45 year teaching career. "I have loved teaching and have been fortunate to have worked in outstanding schools," she writes. She has taught in Florida, Morocco (in the American Government School when her husband was stationed in the Marine Corp) and in South Carolina where she has taught in Lexington since 1983. Suzanne began her career in Florida teaching 8th grade English Language Arts. Her roommates then were classmates Brenda Lee Barclay, Sally Hutchinson Vermillion, and Virginia Mitchell Hutcheson.

In September 2012 Suzanne will celebrate her retirement with classmates Carol "Moon" Burt, Barbara Abercrombie, Peggy Pierce Chandler, Mary Helen Hall

Ringe, Mary Helen Pope Daniel and Brenda Lee Barclay at General Coffee State Park in Douglas, GA. "What a special group of friends to celebrate with as I enter retirement!"

Seasonal residents of Raleigh, NC, from November to March, Margaret Mannheim Sease '64 and her husband will be enjoying the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina the remainder of the year.

"Good news - I now have two adorable grandchildren, Max (5) and Madelin (3)," reports Linda Segler Reynolds '65 of Spanish Fort, AL. Sadly, Linda's husband, Lewis K. Reynolds, died last August 2, 2011. (See *Sympathy*.)

"I enjoy living next to my two grandgirls," notes Barbara Brubaker Hightower '66 of Tyrone, GA. "Life is good."

"We have retired from our antique and home accessories store," reports Dale Pierson Hill '66. "We are still doing picture framing and I'm still an artist. I do water color paintings and mixed media drawings. We have two daughters in Jackson, GA, and Griffin, GA, and four grandchildren. We are enjoying retirement."

**1967 (45th Reunion)**  
Reunion Co-Chairs Jane Manley Wheeless and Marilyn Avra Williams welcomed Golden Hearts back to campus for a festive 45th! Golden "tiaras" crowned the heads of GH



## Class of 1972 (40th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Linda Chance Newiger, Kathy Weeks Leaman, Susie McDonald Sheehan, Becky Jones Brock, MC Collins O'Kelley, Debbie Dye Gigliotti **Row 2:** Sher Senna Pollard, Elizabeth Rogers Kelly, Susan Wyllys Wallace, Eileen Vickery Thurmond, Hazel Mims Mathis **Row 3:** Susan Mann Kimbrell, Dyleane Taylor, Joyce Rice Ellison, Janie Shirah Stump **Back Row:** Eileen Moffitt Batchelor, Kathleen Propps Langford, Laura Lowe Harmon, Carol Hollis Baumgartner, Lynn Golson Priester

classmates who gave a "royal" wave at the Annual Meeting of the WCAA after being honored as the class who made the largest gift to the Annual Loyalty Fund. Sharing life experiences took center stage when classmates engaged in "heart to heart" conversations at the class party that also included lots of Wesleyan stories, legends, and lore - with some time left over to ponder "Are we all really ready for the Big 50?"

New grandparents Curt and **Flo Williams Douglas** '67 of Milledgeville, GA, are proud of Arthur William Douglas, Jr., born on February 23, 2012, to parents Art and Katie. Big sisters Emma Kate and Harper are proud, too!

Classmates will remember visiting with **Carol Anne Golden** '67 from Winter Haven, FL, at reunion. Sadly, Carol Anne died suddenly in her home just three weeks after Alumnae Weekend. A French and Spanish teacher at Winter Haven High School from 1969 until her retirement in 2010, Carol Anne served as chair of the foreign language department for 20 years, and served on the Florida State Committee setting the standards for the French curriculum, among her many other educational endeavors. From 1979-1982 she served as an Alumna Trustee on the Board of Trustees at Wesleyan and was actively involved in fund raising and student recruitment. At Carol's memorial service there was a 2012 reunion class photo displayed, as well as a photo

of her with her mentor, the late **Miss Ann Munck** '38, her beloved Wesleyan English professor. Carol Anne's good friends **Karen Connor Shockley** '63 of Macon and **Beth Koon** '83 of Winter Haven attended the service.

**Flora Phillips Grindstaff** '67 of Epworth, GA, enjoys retired life - reading, making cloth dolls, beading, and gardening. She also enjoys the beauty of the north Georgia mountains. A retired elementary school teacher, Flora earned her M.Ed. from Georgia State University and her Ed. Specialist degree from West Georgia University.

Dorothy Francis Howell, mother of **Donna Howell Lawson** '67 of Greensboro, NC, died in January of 2011. Donna's mother loved Wesleyan and was a member of Wesleyan's Society for the Twenty-First Century. (See *Sympathy*.)

"When in Jackson Hole, WY, go by to visit my son Klaus Baer's home design store (WRJ Design) just off the square - and give him a hug from me!" recommends **Helen Neal Kleiber** '67 of Sky Valley, GA.

Saddened by the death of former Wesleyan President Dr. Earl Strickland, **Margaret "Dee" Thompson Monahan** '67 remembers "he was kindness itself but fearless in standing up for what was and is right. He was also a courageous bridge player/partner Saturday mornings in the Pharm-treasured times."

"I have six wonderful grandchildren with #7 due in August 2012," crows **Susan Kirvin Ogburn** '67. "I'm blessed beyond my wildest dreams."

Retired as a hospice social worker in 2010, **Kasey Carneal Phillips** '67 of Opelika, AL, has liked being able to manage her own time, and enjoys special time with her children and grandchildren.

**Bobbie Dunn Rowe** '67 and husband Randy live in Lugoff, SC, when they are not traveling the US in their Casita camper. A practicing artist since 1967, Bobbie received her teacher certification from the University of South Carolina in 1968. She currently makes wheel thrown pottery. For the past five years, Bobbie has been playing the Native American flute. She and Randy (who makes Native American style flutes) both compose the music they play. Bobbie is also a Master Gardner and grows her own plants and flowers from seeds. She and Randy will be first time grandparents in August.

In April, **Suelle M. Swartz** '67 of Dacula, GA, enjoyed a month long cruise on the New Amsterdam, where she visited ports of call in the Azores, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, and Sicily. She missed seeing classmates at reunion and sends her love to all.

Atlanta resident **Karen Moore Thompson** '67 has donated a new book to the Wesleyan Library entitled *A Light on Peachtree: A History of the*

*Atlanta Woman's Club*, published in April 2012 by Mercer University Press. Karen, who served as president of the Atlanta Woman's Club from 2008-2010, now serves as history book project director and wrote the introduction to this book about women from 1895 to the present which has a foreword by President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter. Wesleyan is even mentioned in the book! An accomplished pianist, Karen enjoyed performing in the Celebration Concert during Alumnae Weekend 2012.

**Janie Hudson Williams** '67 retired to Greene County, GA, where she and her husband stay busy restoring an 1886 farmhouse that was built by her husband's great, great grandfather.

**Jean Widney Wynn** '67 lives in Decatur, GA, and thanks her GH friends for all of their support during the last five years. "A new turn of life since our last reunion finds me almost divorced and looking forward to a life with a wonderful woman." Jean currently works with Metro Fair Housing, Inc., in Atlanta.

"I hope to see many classmates at our 45th reunion in April 2013!" says **Betsy Martin Bunte** '68 of Marietta, GA.

## 1970s

In November, **Colleen Smith Katsuki** '70 served as guest teacher for a Piano Master Class at Wesleyan. As a collaborative pianist, Colleen has

## Class of 1977 (35th reunion)

(L-R) Lucia Chapman Carr, Charlotte Allen, Lynn Moses, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Cary Langford Purvis



delighted audiences throughout New England and New York, performing with well known singers, violinists, pianists, and cellists, as well as with the New England Philharmonic and the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra. Colleen attended Wesleyan for two years and received her undergraduate and master's degree in piano from Boston University. She has taught at the University of Massachusetts / Boston and maintains a private studio at her home in Lincoln, MA. Among her teachers are Mary Sauer (pianist for the Chicago Symphony) and renowned Hungarian coach, Dusi Mura.

Along with five other individuals, **Ann Scott Terry '70** received a 2012 "Come See Me Festival Community Service Merit Award" for her service to the Rock Hill, SC, community. She has never regretted that in 1979 she and husband Vernon chose the Rock Hill area for their home.

Retired since 2008, **Patti Voyles '70** enjoys raising and showing her Keeshond. She loves having the freedom to go to agility trials or quilt or just enjoy lunch with friends.

**Susan Woodward Walker '70** of Franklin, TN, writes, "Madeleine Frances Walker surprised all of us by arriving eight weeks early on January 14, 2012. She is the third child of our son, Robert, and his wife, Halle, who live in Memphis. Madeleine is thriving, after just a few weeks in the NICU. Big brother, Alexander (6), and big sister,

Olivia (3), are delighted with her! The day before I became Past President of the Wesleyan Alumnae Association, I was elected President of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Tennessee. I will miss being President of the WCAA, but I do think it is pretty good timing!

### ▲ 1972 (40th Reunion)

"We're still GREAT and still GREEN even with 40 years in between," was the GK '72 reunion mantra as Knights from all over the country returned to celebrate a special homecoming. Class President, e-Rep, and Reunion Chair **Susie McDonald Sheehan** had this to say: "What a wonderful celebration we had to mark our 40th reunion! We had 20 GKS attend, some for the first (but not last) time! The alumnae Celebration Concert on Friday was an event that was new to us and what a great way to kick off the weekend. Having the Presidents' Reception in Oval Hall was another wonderful event! At the Annual Meeting on Saturday morning Wesleyan's *First Five* were honored with a standing ovation. It was in our Class of 1972 that the first five African American students, **Christine Everett, Sonya Tomlinson Holland, Marvette Baldwin Jenkins, Carolyn McClinton Woodard, and Alma Jean Tolbert Spradley** (now **Dyleane Taylor**), were enrolled. Also at the meeting **Mary Catherine Collins**

**O'Kelley** received the Alumnae Award for Service to the College. Many thanks to Charles and **Joyce Rice Ellison** for offering their beautiful home for our reunion class party. Our class was recognized for having 40% of members participate in giving to the Annual Loyalty Fund!"

"I really enjoyed our 40th reunion weekend so much! The campus is absolutely beautiful. Wesleyan just keeps on getting better and better!" emails **Eileen Moffitt Batchelor '72**. Eileen is a practice administrator at Internal Medicine Associates, P.C. in Macon. She is also music director at Heritage/Bass UM Churches and works as administrative assistant to the pastor for which she is in charge of budget oversight/finances for the church in three locations. She is proud to be a music major that is bi-vocational. "Music and health care just kind of work out!" says Eileen.

"Retirement is wonderful!" boasts **Becky Jones Brock '72**. "I spend time with my four great-nephews and enjoy decorating my new house. I attended the wedding of the daughter (Ashton) of my college roommate **Eileen Vickery Thurmond '72**. Also in attendance were classmates **Susie McDonald Sheehan '72, M.C. Collins O'Kelley '72, Marianne Graham Fortuna '72, Debbie Dye Gigliotti '72, and Mimmi Mathis '72**.

**Christine Everett '72** lives in Thomasville, GA, and currently teaches 4th and 5th grades in Valdosta City

Schools. An educator for nearly 40 years, Christine earned her M.A.T. in elementary education and her reading specialist degree from Emory University. She holds other post graduate certificates from Valdosta State University. A recipient of many awards for teaching and recognized for her work with young students, Christine has been a Teacher of the Year in numerous elementary schools. She is listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, and her biography appears in *Outstanding Young Women of America*. As a member of Wesleyan's *First Five* she remembers her days at the College and the "Christian people there who nurtured me and took such good care of me at a time when I was 'growing up' and trying to find my place in life."

**Sonya Tomlinson Holland '72** lives in Riverdale, GA, where she is an elementary school teacher who specializes in music education. She is proud of her *First Five* status and of her own Wesleyan education as a music major. She and **Marvette Baldwin Jenkins** grew up in Atlanta and attended the same high school. Our sympathy to Sonya on the deaths of her mother and her husband, Victor, in the past two years.

*First Five* honoree **Marvette Baldwin Jenkins '72** lives in Atlanta, where she retired in 2009 from a 27 year career at Spelman College. After earning a master's degree in music (voice) from Bowling Green



## Class of 1982 (30th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Monica (Mong-Zang) Lin Chang, Linda Johnson, Claire Peterson Schwall, Stacy Brown **Row 2:** Jenny Morgan, Jennifer Willis Payne, Susan Holloway, Mary Ellen Skowronek Sutphin, Abby Jane Walker Eller **Back Row 3:** Susan Dempsey, Karen Martin, Rhonda Helton Hambright, Kathy Oh Harden, Edelma Gallardo Nicolou

University in 1977, "Marty" began work at Spelman as an accompanist/composer. As assistant director of the Children's Dance Program there she taught music and dance to elementary children and also taught drama, wrote and directed plays, and worked as a performing artist. At the College's dance school she literally taught generations of girls. In "retirement" she spends her time developing The Council for Equitable Treatment of Young African Americans, which she founded, and keeping up with four step children. Marty was involved also in the Susuki Piano Association for a number of years. She remembers being introduced to Wesleyan as a high-school student, along with *First Five* honoree **Sonya Tomlinson Holland '72**, at the Governor's Honors Program that was held at Wesleyan at that time.

"It was so much fun to be at Wesleyan for reunion and see so many classmates. Whenever I visit I am flooded with memories of our time at Wesleyan -- just walking around campus and remembering how it was then and seeing all the great improvements now is really gratifying. It was also fun to see **MC Collins O'Kelley '72** honored for all her good work for Wesleyan. I loved having Zach with me. He had a major stroke in February 2011 and we are in full-time rehabilitation therapy for his right side and his speech, but I am so thankful

that he is alive and still has his fun personality. Our two sons are well and happy. Patrick is in San Diego with our two California grandchildren, where he is a computer software engineer. Britt is a lawyer in Charleston, SC, and he and his wife, Ryan, have our newest grandchild. We have great places to visit!" writes **Elizabeth Rogers Kelly '72** from her home in Jasper, TN.

After 17 years of teaching – eight years as assistant principal and seven years as principal in elementary schools – **Sher Senna Pollard '72** finally retired in 2006. Two months later, she was bored and is now self-employed as an intervention specialist working with struggling schools. When she's not working, she's volunteering at the local Humane Society with her husband or having fun hanging out with friends. Sher enjoyed sharing reunion with her mom, **Mac McCurdy Sennna '52**, who was on campus for her 60th reunion.

"Alumnae Weekend was a wonderful 40th homecoming for the Great Green Knights of '72. Thanks to our dear classmate **Joyce Rice Ellison** for once again hosting a fun class party. We picked up our conversations right where we had left off five years ago, or 25 years ago. The Wesleyan sisterhood is as strong as ever! I was deeply honored to receive the Alumnae Award for Distinguished Service to the College. It has been my pleasure to 'serve' Wesleyan. I encourage others to always say 'yes' when asked to do

anything for our Alma Mater. I was happy to celebrate reunion with not only my classmates but also with my mother, **Frances Oehmig Collins '47** (her 65th reunion) and my daughter, **Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02** (her 10th)! Ed and I are both still with Delta. We are proud grandparents of Mary Corinne Fore, 19 months, who has a little sister due in August. Our son, Will, and his wife, Sandy, have a little boy due in mid-May. We are thrilled with all the additions," emails **Mary Catherine Collins O'Kelley '72** from Snellville, GA. (See page 51)

**Alma Jean Tolbert Spradley** graduated from Wesleyan in 1972 as one of Wesleyan's *First Five*. Later in life, after discovering her birth name was Dyleane Hooker Taylor, she legally changed her name to honor her mother. As a student, Dyleane said her dream job was to work with mentally challenged children due to her own cousin's diagnosis. After Wesleyan she began her life-long career in social work at Bibb County Training Center where she taught both black and white mentally challenged children. After marriage and rearing her own children, she worked with the government funded CETA program teaching English and math to men. As director of the Bibb County Substance Abuse Program in Macon she built the program from the ground up. Dyleane became an entrepreneur when she co-founded a non emergency transportation service for people with

medical needs (Coachline N.E.T. Medical). She also worked for DFACS as a foster care worker and helped people displaced by hurricane Katrina. Currently, she is an independent contractor for a private company that contracts with DFACS and other childcare/Medicare providers where she teaches at-risk children and parenting skills. Dyleane lives in Macon and has two sons and one grandson. In 2012, Dyleane chaired her church's 127th Anniversary.

**Carolyn (Andrews) McClinton Woodard '72** of Macon is a proud member of Wesleyan's *First Five*. By virtue of her name listed alphabetically at graduation (Andrews) she was Wesleyan's first black graduate. After Wesleyan, she began an 18 year career with Sears where she worked in Florida and then in Atlanta as an assistant area manager and buyer in the Sears Regional Office for the Southeastern Region. Carolyn earned an MA in psychology from Georgia School for Professional Psychology (now Argosy). After receiving her Georgia state license she worked with Cobb County Mental Health and at Emory Psychiatric Center. In 2004 she moved back to Macon (to take care of her parents who are now deceased) and began work with Coliseum Psychiatric, where she is an assessment specialist. She also maintains a private practice at New Dawn Counseling Center and says that her real passion is being a counselor to nursing home residents. In her "spare" time

## Class of 1987 (25th reunion)

(L-R) Row 1: Barbara Row Wallace, Leesa Dwin Akins, Lynn Lasseter Prater Back Row: Carla Asbell, Melissa Tolbert Smith



Carolyn has fun keeping up with four children and nine grandchildren.

**Hale Coble Edwards '73** of Greer, SC, is a new grandmother! Isabella James Houston a.k.a. "Ella" was born December 26, 2011.

**Alta Mae Marvin Henderson '73** of Walterboro, SC, misses her mother, **Anna Lou Carrington Marvin '41**, who died on December 3, 2011, following a short illness. Anna Lou also lived in Walterboro, where she was an active member of Bethel United Methodist Church and a beloved community leader. She had five grandchildren and four great grandsons. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Robert E. Marvin, and her son, Earle R. Marvin. Anna Lou loved her years at Wesleyan and had attended her 65th class reunion. (See *Sympathy*.)

"Our two sons, Clark and Hank, both graduated from college last year," reports **Carol Goodloe '75** from Arlington, VA. "Hooray - no more tuition!"

Congratulations to **Lisa Sherman Hammond '75** on the birth of her granddaughter, Lucy Lee Hammond, on September 29, 2011. "I've had my private art studio for 29 years and Lee and I celebrated 36 years of marriage last year. I have a condo in Maitland, FL. Wesleyannes, come see me!"

In March 2012, **Sally Moffett McKenna '75** of Atlanta was recognized as one of DeKalb's "Teacher of the Year" honorees. She teaches third grade at St. Martin's Episcopal School and was nominated by the Brookhaven Rotary Club.

**Dr. Barbara Swicord '75** of Stamford, CT, has been president and CEO of Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG) since 2007. She also serves as director and trustee of the National Society for the Gifted and Talented, a non-profit that honors and encourages gifted and talented children. A member of the National Association for Gifted Children since 1976, she was the founding president and a trustee for the New Jersey Association for Gifted Children from 1997-2007. During the 1980s she was a co-founder and program director of the Intermountain Center for Gifted Education in Salt Lake City, Utah. Barbara earned a master's degree in gifted education/educational psychology from the University of Georgia and a doctor of education degree in administration, supervision and curriculum from Rutgers University. She enjoys reading, exercising, and spending time with her husband and adult son, Miles.

**Jean Scales Toole '75** of Liberty, SC, is the 2011 - 2012 SDPC Teacher of the Year, a top honor among Pickens County teachers. Since 1989, Jean has taught chorus and drama at Liberty High School. She also taught one year at the Center for Exceptional Children and three years in Anderson District 3. Jean has a master's degree in music education from the University of Kansas.

It's a small Wesleyan world! In March, Dean of the College **Vivia Fowler** attended the Lexington, SC, Little Theatre production of the *The King and*

I. In the cast credits she noted that Lady Thiang was played by **Janice Cromer Holbrook '76**, who graduated with a music degree in voice performance from Wesleyan. "She was a wonderful Lady Thiang!" says Dean Fowler, who sent Janice a candy gram after the show with "Greetings from Wesleyan!"

## ▲1977 (35th Reunion)

Reunion Co-Chairs **Lucia Chapman Carr** and **Lynn Moses** encouraged Pirates to return to a Macon port of call after 35 years and planned for a memorable "See-you-at-the-35th-reunion!" Classmates gathered at Lynn's home for a class party where Pirates made time to "catch-up" with each other amidst a treasure trove of special Wesleyan memories.

She is still senior crime laboratory analyst with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement at the Jacksonville Crime Lab, although **Charlotte Allen '77** is in Florida's retirement program where she is technically retired but still working full-time for 3 more years. When not working, she "enjoys life at home with a house full of pets - three dogs (beagle mix, beagle, and cocker spaniel) and two cats. They rule!" says Charlotte.

"I lost my daughter, **Ellen NeSmith '92**, to cancer March 5, 2012," writes **Virginia Phillips '77**. "Otherwise, I'm enjoying retirement and being "Nana" to Regan, traveling with my husband, Billy, and reading as much

as possible." (See *Sympathy*.)

New author **Kathy A. Bradley '78** of Register, GA, is proud of her first book, *Breathing and Walking Around: Meditations on a Life*, published by Mercer University Press. Equally thrilling was the book's listing on Publishers Weekly Spring 2012 list. In 2010, Kathy attended the Annual Mercer University Press Authors' Luncheon in Atlanta where she was the recipient of the FIRST Will D. Campbell Award for Creative Non-Fiction and was awarded a publishing contract. In her book she records four years' worth of observations of common people, everyday events, and the natural world from her home in South Georgia. (See Page 73.)

Special Education teacher **Dr. Janet Rumler Brooks '78** of Simpsonville, SC, is the 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year at Greenville County's Mitchell Road Elementary School.

Sad news from **Kathy Harvin Gibbs '78** of Stockbridge, GA, who recently reported the death of her father, Hugh W. Harvin, who died on June 18, 2010.

"I am looking forward to next year's reunion for the PK Class of 1978," writes **Janet Keys '78**. "PKs, let's make our (gulp!) 35th the most celebrated time together ever! The best to all of the graduates of 2012!"

"I completed my 26th year this spring as professor of Spanish language and literature at Truman State University," writes Columbus, MO, resident **Dr. Lucy Lee '78**. "My



## Class of 1992 (20th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Becky Joslin Croft, Cynthia Costello Busbee, Anne-Marie Allen Cyphers, Kelley Southerland, Mary Marcia McMahan Winfrey  
**Row 2:** Diane Mayhue Johnson, Jennifer Adrianna Johnson, Meri McMillan Khoury, Anne Cordeiro, Janet Wilson **Back Row:** Kristen Olsen Palmer, Leslie Noble, Katie Garrett, Elizabeth Russell Kuipers, Candy Dickerson Cannon, Mariana Dos Santos Furlin

daughter, Elizabeth, finished law school at the University of Colorado in May and my son, Giovanni, is studying in Italy. The nest is a little too empty right now!"

**According to Gail Bacon Ford '79,** "Boys like Wesleyan, too! While we didn't have a daughter to send to Wesleyan, our sons have had memorable experiences on Wesleyan's campus. Our oldest son, Jonathan, attended classes with me during the first 9 months of his life. The younger two, Adam and Matthew, attended classes at MidSummer Macon and Wesleyan's Center for the Arts. Adam, our second son, loved attending classes. As an added bonus, he met his best friend, Amanda Ray, in one of his summer classes. Adam and Amanda have remained friends since middle school. Two years ago, at age 25, they began dating. On the morning of December 24, 2011, Adam asked Amanda to ride with him to Wesleyan's bookstore to get a Christmas gift for me. Amanda willingly accompanied him (thinking he should know the store was closed). After pretending to go to the store only to find it closed, he returned to the car, opened her door, knelt down and asked her to marry him. He explained to his dad and me that Wesleyan was a special place for him and he wanted to propose to her in a special place. She said, 'Yes'! I will keep you posted on wedding plans."

## 1980s

"I experienced a 'rebirth' when I was asked to sing at the 2011 Alumnae Weekend Concert by **Jeanette Loflin Shackelford '61**," says **Jeanne Luke Longerbeam '80** of Cumming, GA. "I had become lost in making a living and figured my days as a performer were over – until that life changing moment. I returned home, determined to volunteer to sing anywhere that sounded like it could be fun, and guess what? The positive energy I put out into the universe has come back to me ten-fold. Within a few months, I was singing at the Cumming Playhouse for *A Classical Christmas* and two months later I was invited to sing with the North GA Symphony Orchestra as the only vocalist in their fall Concert. In June, I'm directing my group, Singers Unlimited! in *100 Years of Broadway!* at The Terraces in Big Canoe, GA, where I will sing as a soloist as well. I was approached and accepted a job as the choir director at Grace Presbyterian Church in Dawsonville, GA. Thanks to the inspiration I STILL receive from Wesleyan, I am singing again!"

In October 2011, **Diana Jones Williams '80** spoke to Wesleyan students as part of the Fiscal Fitness Convocation Program on the topic of "Banking and Saving." Diana is the branch manager of State Bank and Trust Company (Walnut Street) in Macon.

After receiving nearly 100 nominations, Law360, an American online media company based in New York, has announced a new series honoring 15 top female trial attorneys who have scored landmark victories for their clients while blazing trails in a once male-dominated field, and Atlanta resident **Stephanie E. Parker '81** is one of the 15! Law360 will profile Stephanie and highlight her achievements. The company provides litigation news and analysis to more than 100,000 attorneys and 1,400 organizations.

## ▲1982 (30th Reunion)

Logan's Roadhouse was the place to be for class party fun as Reunion Chair and Class President **Susan Holloway** welcomed classmates back to Macon for Alumnae Weekend. PK spirit and pride took over BIG time at the Annual Meeting of the WCAA when Knights asked the most "purple" of questions, WHAT TIME IS IT? - KNIGHT TIME!

In January 2012, **Beth Dilworth Beaver '82** moved to the Middle East, where she is working as a graphic designer in a video training and development ministry.

**Rhonda Helton Hambright '82** of St. Simons Island, GA, is director of music at St. Simons Presbyterian Church, artistic director of the Island Concert Association, as well as conductor of the Coastal Georgia Symphony Chorus. She also has a *WESLEYAN FIRST*. As founding conductor of the Symphony Chorus, she

was the *FIRST* woman to conduct the symphony. This season, she prepared the chorus to sing Brahms' *Requiem* and invited **Caroline Thomas '81** from Germany to sing the soprano solo. Rhonda writes, "My youngest son, Ben, is a Lance Corporal in the US Marines and serves in Afghanistan. The two oldest boys, Hank and Joe, are farmers – raising chickens, hogs, horses and crops! At reunion I was so excited to see my classmates and to sing with members of the Class of 1962 in the Celebration Concert."

In January, **Susan Holloway '82** of Minneola, FL, completed 20 years of consecutive service with Walt Disney World. She works for the Workforce Management department which is in charge of scheduling, pay issues, and personnel issues.

"Our daughter, Emily, is a sophomore at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in CT," writes **Lili Huskey Trudeau '82**. "I often think of the wonderful friends I made while attending Wesleyan, 'PK-All-the-Way!'"

**Beth Koon '83** has a *WESLEYAN FIRST* – "Recently, I graduated as a Caritas Coach from the Watson Caring Science Institute and am heavily involved in Caring Science, based on Dr. Jean Watson's Caring Theory of Nursing. I'm the *FIRST* psychotherapist to become a Caritas Coach and the work is exciting! I still work as the manager of customer engagement at Winter Haven Hospital. Through some twist of fate, my office is the room in

## Class of 1997 (15th reunion)

(L-R) Row 1: Lisa Canfield, Joy Joyner Logan, Mary Mitchell McKinnon, Kara Bollmeier Jagger-Miller, Stephanie Pate Lewis Row 2: Rachel Viets Fortuna, Evelyn Leatherman, Carrie Herndon, Suzanne Spooner-Faulk Row 3: Teresa Lawson, Kendra Biggs Therrell Back Row: Beth Hitt Rogers, Jena Forehand Collins, Wendy Lazarro Grover, Monica Hilley Crawford



which I was born!" Beth represented Wesleyan from the Winter Haven area at the funeral of **Carol Anne Golden '67** in May. "It was a beautiful memorial to Carol Anne, with a fair proportion of the memorial devoted to Carol Anne's time and work at Wesleyan. Afterward, I was thrilled to meet **Karen Conner Shockley '63**. She overheard me telling my family that 'Miss Munck would have approved' of the service."

"My sister, **Linda Hughes '84**, is doing well," reports Celia Hughes Hohnadel '86. "She has retired for medical reasons and is concentrating on getting stronger."

Photographer and artist **Hazel Bodner Berger '85** of Marietta, GA, had three of her pictures of Providence Canyon on display at the Atlanta Airport in May. Hazel also enjoyed being part of the 2012 Alumnae Marketplace during Alumnae Weekend.

In February 2012, LPL Financial LLC, the nation's largest independent broker-dealer and a wholly owned subsidiary of LPL Investments Holdings Inc., named **Joan Dominy Khoury '86** managing director and chief marketing officer. She is responsible for driving the company's overall marketing strategy. Prior to joining LPL Joan was senior vice president, strategic marketing, at Merrill Lynch, where she led a 90 member marketing team to numerous award recognitions including Brokerage

Category Winner for Media Strategy by *The Journal of Financial Advertising and Marketing*. Earlier in her career she served as SVP, global head of marketing, for Wachovia, Evergreen Investments; and managing director and group head of global marketing for Bank of New York, Mellon. Joan is based in San Diego, CA.

## ▲ 1987 (25th Reunion)

Golden memories surrounded classmates who returned to celebrate their 25th reunion in style, thanks to plans made by Reunion Chairs **Lynn Lasseter Prater** and **Lucretia Murphy Presley**. **Lisa Morgan Edwards** hosted a class party where a "GH gab-fest" included news about families and careers, and other Wesleyan "girl talk." Honored at the Annual Meeting of the WCAA for having the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest class gift to the Annual Loyalty Fund, classmates stood proud amidst the applause and cheering and know deep down in their GH hearts that they are "winners from the start!"

Palm Bay, FL, resident **Rosalind "Roz" Evans Weiss '88** has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**. She was recently named Brevard Achievement Center's **FIRST** marketing and development administrator.

## 1990s

"My daughter, Blaire Bagwell, has accepted a faith, service, and leadership scholarship and will attend Wesleyan College this fall as a GK in the Class of 2016," writes **Aimee Manry Bagwell '90** of Warner Robins, GA.

## ▲ 1992 (20th Reunion)

Celebrating 20 years of Great Green Knight friendship, members of the Class of '92 returned to campus determined to make new memories - and they did - thanks to plans made by Reunion Co-Chairs **Cydney Costello Busbee** and **Diane Mayhue Johnson**, who also served as Class e-Rep. GKS met at Marcos for a dessert party where hot topics of conversation were career moves and kids, as was a future time scenario that their next reunion would be the BIG 25!

"My husband, Tom, and I welcomed our second son, Samuel Quinn Cannon, into the world on November 6, 2009," reports **Candy Dickerson Cannon '92** of Dacula, GA.

Married for 20 years to her high school sweetheart, **Ann-Marie Allen Cyphers '92** and husband Erik of Zebulon, GA, have a 16-year-old daughter, Brittany. Ann-Marie holds a master's degree in early childhood education from West Georgia College and currently teaches 4th grade math at Lamar County Elementary.

After her mother's death six years ago, **Mariana Furlin '92** of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, joined the family business in model making and casting fine jewelry. According to Mariana, it affords her the opportunity to use her creativity and design her own pieces. Mariana has a master's degree in art education and art therapy.

"I have had two articles published in *Parent Life* magazine, one in May 2011 and another in February 2012," notes **Diane Mayhue Johnson '92**. "I hope to continue writing as a freelance contributor for periodicals as well as exploring opportunities to write as a full-time career."

Although she works as a middle school reading teacher at Woodward Academy in College Park, GA, **Meri McMillian Khoury '92** calls Sharpsburg, GA, home. Meri earned an M.A. in middle grades from Fort Valley State University and also holds a middle grades certificate.

In April, **Janet Wilson '92** of Memphis, TN, was promoted to marketing principal in global brand management at FedEx. She also has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**. As a pioneer team member of the launch of interactive marketing on fedex.com she also launched marketing resource management software for marketing.

In September 2011, **Nyssa Horton Hattaway '93** spoke to Wesleyan students at the "Healthy Living" convocation held on campus. Nyssa works as an RN, CEN, in the Emergency Center at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon.

"I'm so proud of **Melanie Filson Lewis '93** for being elected as President Elect of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association," says **Ruth Powell Storts '93**.



## Class of 2002 (10th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Rachel Shaw, Vida Olivares, Elsa George Antony, Christen Bennett-Lentes, Saralyn Stewart **Row 2:** Megan Beene, Sarah Chandler, Natalie Puckett Evans, Erin McGavin, Crystal Rogers Cheyne, Jody Swink, Bria Andrew Kitchens, Calessa Wells Smalls **Back Row:** April Prince, Beth Williford, Katie Taylor, Catherine O'Kelley Fore, Laurie Gibson, Nikki Bradshaw, Ebony Roberts Ferrell, Kathryn Marshall Wilcher, Jennifer Calhoun

From Knoxville, TN, **Debbie Buttrey Ott '96** recently reported some sad news. "I still miss my mom, who passed away on November 12, 2010."

### ▲ 1997 (15th Reunion)

Pirates returned to Wesleyan with new treasured memories to share with each other. Many thanks to Reunion Co-Chairs **Rachel Viets Fortuna** and **Monica Hilly Crawford** for coordinating 175th Anniversary reunion plans. Pirates partied hard at Mellow Mushroom and La Parilla Mexican Grille, where Wesleyan was definitely on the menu.

**Jena Forehand Collins '97** earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Georgia College and State University and currently teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Pine Street Elementary in Conyers, GA. "Our family continues to grow. Jentson is 12, Xander is 2, and we are expecting a baby girl in August," reports Jena.

Congratulations to **Kara Bollmeier Jagger-Miller '97** of Old Hickory, TN, who was married April 2011 to Scott Miller. She comments, "He has an 11-year-old son, Benjamin, and we have two beagle puppies, Lily and Amber. We are expecting our first baby this October." (See *Marriages*.)

In Nashville, TN, **Teresa Lawson '97** works for HCA Corporate on clinical systems for the company. She earned her master's degree in accountancy from University of Tennessee in 1998. She lives in Mount Juliet with her two pugs – Pokey and Peach. An avid runner, Teresa does 5K races in her spare time.

"My sweet family continues to grow," writes **Stephanie Pate Lewis '97** who lives in Rome, GA. "My oldest, Carter, is in 2nd grade. Aaron is 5 years old, and my twins, Henry and Macy are 18 months old. Macy will be a Pirate in about 16 years!" Stephanie has earned two master's degrees, one in history from Georgia College and State University and a second one in leadership from Jacksonville State University. She also earned a specialist degree in instructional technology from University of West Georgia.

**Mary Mitchell McKinnon '97** of Sandersville, GA, earned a J.D. from Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law and works as an assistant D.A. for Juvenile Court in the Middle Judicial Circuit of Georgia. Mary writes, "I am married to another assistant D.A., Joseph McKinnon. He inspired me to move from superior court work to juvenile court work because of my love of children."

"I can't believe how fast time goes by," reports **Beth Hitt Rogers '97** who still lives in Marietta, GA. "My babies are 2 and 4 now." Beth will finish her Ph.D. in teaching and learning mathematics from Georgia State this year, graduating in December. Currently, Beth lectures in mathematics and mathematics education at Kennesaw State.

In the fall of 2011, **Suzanne Spooner-Faulk '97** wrapped up an almost four-year run at rpm Management, where she had the good fortune to work with Tim McGraw, Julianne Hough, Big Kenny, and other various artists. After that, she filled in at the Country Music Association.

Now she's proud to say that she is the operations manager at CDX, a long standing company in Nashville, TN, that helps distribute new country music singles to radio stations throughout the world.

Victims of the horrible tornadoes that passed through Chattanooga recently, **Laura Facey Sullivan '98** and her 2-year-old daughter, Jenna, were home when the tornadoes came through and were able to make it to a closet under their stairs, but their house was completely flattened... nothing left. They were trapped and were rescued by neighbors. Jenna didn't receive a scratch, but Laura dislocated her hip; she is doing well now. Her husband's grandmother had recently moved into assisted living so they were able to move into her home until they can rebuild or find a new place to live.

**Wellington, FL, resident Julie Houston Trieste '98** is the new public relations specialist for The Port of Palm Beach, FL. In the newly developed position, she will be tasked with re-branding The Port's image, redesigning the website, handling all the media relations, and developing a community-outreach plan. After working for the media for years, and more recently gaining experience in the port industry, she says, "It's the absolute perfect fit for me. I'm beyond excited about this new opportunity.

Plus the view from the office of the ocean and cruise ship is a nice perk too!"

## 2000s

**Kima Charysse Whipple-Jackson '00** of Riverdale, GA, is a national gospel recording artist and her stage name is Kima Charysse. Kima's current single, "Jesus Will," has been playing on radio stations throughout the US and online radio. Kima has been nominated for two 2012 Rhythm of Gospel Awards (Rhythm of Gospel Song of the Year and Urban Contemporary Female Vocalist). Proud mom is **Sharon Whipple Underwood**, who also graduated with Kima in 2000.

After earning her M.Ed. in sociology and education from Teachers College, Columbia University last summer, **Hyun Mi Choi Corin '01** has a new job at New York Life Insurance Company. She works as a senior marketing management associate in the Cultural Market Corporate Division.

**Margaret Alicia Heuer '01** lives in Milan, Italy, where she works for an opera producing company near Venice called MOUSIKE' I.C.E. Promoter. She is currently promoting a Baroque Ensemble, "Virtuosi di Venezia," due to tour universities in the U.S. in 2012-13. Margaret hopes Wesleyan will be on the tour!

### ▲ 2002 (10th Reunion)

They've been coloring the world purple since graduating in 2002 and Reunion Chair **Jody Swink**, Co-Chair **Vida Olivares** and Class e-Rep **Catherine O'Kelley Fore** made sure classmates continued the tradition at reunion by wearing lavender scarves and special

## Class of 2007 (5th reunion)

(L-R) Row 1: Mary Beth Barker Tolle, Lacey Lindquist, Cindy Fountain, Angie O'Neal Wright Back Row: Noelle Goodman Goel, Lauren Holliday Mann, Melinda Fitzgerald Goggans, Chelsea Lalla Ray, Tiffany Hatch



T-shirts. Classmate **Jennifer Calhoun** traveled from Tokyo, Japan, to be at many of the "Perfectly Planned PK Events" of the weekend that included lunch at El Sombrero, a class party at Springhill Suites, and a "Perfectly Purple PK Pizza Party" at Ingleside Village Pizza.

Congratulations to **Kemba Anderson-Artis** '02 on her July 18, 2009, marriage to Jesse Artis in Dublin, GA.

Double congratulations to **Elsa George Antony** '02 on her 2010 marriage to Syam Antony and the 2011 birth of their first child, Isabel Antony. Elsa earned a master's degree in medical science from Emory in 2005 and works as an anesthesia P.A. The Antonys live in Tucker, GA. (See *Births*.)

Recently promoted sales coordinator, overseeing the Key Accounts Division with Ganz, **Crystal Rogers Cheyne** '02 of Canton, GA, has obtained her black belt in tae-kwon-do.

"I continue working for United Way of Metro Atlanta overseeing relationship management," states **Natalie Puckett Evans** '02. "My boys are now 2 and 1 - keeping us very busy. Dave and I celebrated our 10 year anniversary last summer."

"I will be graduating from Mercer University this summer with my Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction," reports **Vida Olivares** '02. "In August, I begin a new adventure. I have accepted a position as assistant professor of mathematics education at the University of Central Missouri. Let's hope this Georgia girl can survive the snow."

**April Prince** '02 lives in Oklahoma City with fiancé Cory Gavito, where she is an adjunct professor at a local university and community college. April earned her Ph.D. in historical musicology from UT - Austin in 2009. She has two dogs and one cat and just finished her second marathon this past October! "Life is great!" writes April.

As a large animal vet assistant, **Jody Swink** '02 of Sainte Genevieve, MO, has had the pleasure of working with her father in his practice for the last ten years. "Life is good!" says Jody.

After receiving an M.F.A. in acting from Catholic University in 2004, **Katie Taylor** '02 earned a J.D. degree from George Washington University Law School in 2010. "I live in Burlington, VT, with my fiancé, Navah Spero, and our rescue dog Jammer. We'll be tying the knot in September of this year. I practice environmental law and love keeping my creative blog, [www.ktmade.com](http://www.ktmade.com). Contact me if you're a Wesleyan alumna in the area."

An assistant professor of sociology at Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY, **Beth Williford** '02 earned her Ph.D. in sociology from Purdue University in 2009. Beth lives in Stamford, CT, with partner Pablo Ruiz, and they will be celebrating a five year wedding anniversary later this year. Beth is an avid container gardener and travels to Ecuador as often as possible. She extends a "let's get together" invitation to all alumnae living in her area.

"Hello from Germany!" exclaims **Monycia Everett Noblin** '05.

**Ashling Thurmond Osborne** '05 of Alexandria, VA, has changed career paths. The first week in May was her final week working on Capitol Hill for the House of Representatives. "Over the last six months I have become interested in real estate and have accepted a position with Coldwell Banker in Washington, DC. If you need my assistance in buying or selling a home, please feel free to contact me!" writes Ashling.

"I'm currently pursuing my master's degree in educational leadership and human development at the George Washington University," says **Shanita Douglas-Miller** '06. "Making the choice to pursue a career in education has been one of the best decisions of my life! I feel honored to become a part of this field."

Congratulations to **Jenna Miller Jones** '06, husband Jason, and big sister Wimberly on the birth of a new baby boy into their family! Samuel Boyd Jones was born on Jenna and Jason's wedding anniversary, October 30, 2011. (See *Births*.)

With more than 30 years of IT experience and an educator for the past 13 years, **Cathie Loughran** '06 has been named director of data services in the Office of Institutional Technology at Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL.

## ▲ 2007 (5th Reunion)

Golden Hearts felt right at home on campus after five years of "real life" and marveled at how fast time flies by! Reunion Co-Chairs **Morgan Faircloth Carpenter** and **Chelsea Lalla Ray** made sure classmates had a festive 5th by planning a class party at El Sombrero, complete with many "golden" moments and memories that included winning the STUNT cup!

2012 is an exciting year for **Noelle Goodman Goel** '07 of Augusta, who is expecting a baby boy in September. In May, Noelle graduated from the University of South Carolina with a master's degree in music (vocal performance).

In November 2011, **Melinda Fitzgerald Goggans** '07 of Macon welcomed her new daughter, Molly Kate, into the family. Grandmother **Mary Ann Aiken Fitzgerald** '83 is proud of her future Wesleyanne, too! Melinda is a 1st grade teacher in Bibb County. (See *Births*.)

Congratulations to **Dr. Hillary Jarrett** '08 who received her doctor of veterinary medicine degree on May 8, 2012, from Auburn University's School of Veterinary Medicine. Hillary has plans to move back to Louisville, KY, to be closer to step-mom **Janet Friborg Jarrett** '78 who is awaiting a match for a second kidney transplant. Hillary is looking for a job in private practice small animal emergency care.



### Class of 2011 (1st reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Ashley Bennett, Sarah Hudson, Miriam Oakes, Kellie Cauley, Katie Clenney **Back Row:** Jaleesa Fuller, Kim Hage, Eliza Cato, Kelly Page, Amber Campbell, Dena Phillips



### Scholarship for Leadership Kayla Butler, Class of 2014

Each year the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association awards a *Scholarship for Leadership* to a rising junior who is selected for her outstanding leadership qualities and the good academic standing she has shown during her first two years at the College. This year the recipient is Kayla Butler, Class of 2014. A native of Chattanooga, TN, Kayla has excelled at Wesleyan - as a student ambassador, a member of campus ministry, and as a student athlete. A campus leader, Kayla serves as an executive board member of Wesleyan Disciples and is active with Wesleyan College Republicans. She is a head orientation leader and summer conference assistant with Student Affairs, volunteers with WAVE, participates in STUNT, plays class soccer, and is a Splinter. She has been named to the Dean's List and is a Pierce Pioneer Leadership Scholar. After earning a double major at Wesleyan in international relations and pre-law, Kayla plans to graduate a year early (2013) and attend law school. She says, "In my studies at Wesleyan I have discovered a deep passion for international human rights and the legal fields surrounding the subject, and I wish to dedicate my life to advancing this legal field in order to improve the lives of others."

In March, **Elizabeth Spear Zupkow '08** spoke to Wesleyan students as part of the College's Fiscal Fitness Convocation Program on "Branding Yourself." Elizabeth is the director of marketing at American Pride Bank in Macon.

Congratulations to **Sylvia Abney '09** on her marriage to Navy Corpsman Christopher M. Brasel on August 20, 2011. The wedding was held in the historical Bona Allen House in downtown Buford, GA, and was officiated by **Donna Wood '81**. "As you can imagine, even for a small wedding we had a number of Wesleyannes in attendance - **Jo Cheezem Abney '81** (my mother), **Robin Jaquith Ward '81**, **Shannon Lindsey Hudson '80**, **Jennifer Theisen '09**, **Sarah Hill '09**, **Lucy Guy '09**, **Whitney Little** (Honorary Pirate - she transferred from Wesleyan), and **Rebekah Stephens '11**." (See *Marriages*.)

**▲ 2011 (1st Reunion)**  
Class of 2011 President **Amber Campbell** and Class e-Rep **Kelly Page** welcomed Wesleyan sisters back to campus for their very 1st reunion! Amidst the hype and hoopla of "meet-you-at-Wesleyan" facebook messages, classmates chose favorite haunt "El Som" for their class party, where discussing "life after Wesleyan" was the main entrée and dessert! On Saturday, GHs cheered as they took third place (36.2%) in class participation to the Annual Loyalty Fund earning them a **WESLEYAN FIRST** - as the **FIRST** class to achieve this recognition

at their 1st reunion. Still "winners from the start" - you bet!

"I graduated from Indiana University in December 2011 with an M.A. in arts administration," reports **Kelly Scott '10**. "I'm the assistant to the executive and artistic director of Music by the Lake, a summer music festival on the shores of Lake Geneva, WI. Lake Geneva is gorgeous and I really like my job. I'd love to connect with other Wesleyannes in Wisconsin; Milwaukee or Madison - or in Chicago, IL."

Wedding bells are in the future for Macon residents **Jessica Layne '11** and fiancé Robert Hardin Malone IV (son of **Nedra Martin Malone '65** and brother of **Melissa Malone Constable '91**) who announced their engagement on April 2, 2012. Jessica works for GEICO where she is in the supervisor leadership program in the claims track, and she is fast-tracking through all levels of claims in order to be prepared to enter management.

She packed her bags and took an 1,800 mile road trip from Columbus, GA, to Tucson, AR, to take a job with AmeriCorps, where **Erin Henderson '12** will fulfill a lifelong passion "to do what I was meant to do since I was a child: serve others." Erin works at Social Venture Partners Greater Tucson, an organization that promotes literacy. Now that's taking WOW Day to the ultimate level!

# I N M E M O R I A M

## RUTH BASTIN SLENTZ

December 31, 1917 – February 21, 2012

*Assistant Professor of Biology (1957-1966)*

*Associate Professor of Biology (1966-1974)*



Wesleyan students will remember Ruth Slenz, a beloved professor at Wesleyan, who taught biology from 1957-1974. Mrs. Slenz received her degree as a registered nurse from Grady School of Nursing and later earned a bachelor's degree from Agnes Scott and a master's degree from Emory University. She used her nursing skills in the U.S. Army Nurses Corps during WWII and attained the rank of Captain. She is especially remembered for her lifelong love of learning, both as an educator

and a student, and for the many stories and life lessons she shared with students. According to Wesleyan Alumnae Association President Susan Woodward Walker '70, who majored in biology, "Ruth Slenz was more than a teacher, she was a friend who wanted to share her love of biology with students. Her warm personality revealed through her trademark smile made students comfortable. She made learning fascinating and fun."

## MAY WHITE WALKER '38 (HON)

October 30, 1907 - January 29, 2012

*Instructor of Physical Education (1931-1935) and (1936-1938)*



A graduate of Coker College, May White (Walker) earned her master's degree from Columbia Teachers College in 1930 and joined the Wesleyan faculty in 1931 as an instructor of physical education. She taught swimming, diving, life saving, tap dancing, clogging, and modern dance, while also coaching the Wesleyan soccer, basketball, and swimming teams. In 1935 she was married in the Grand Parlor (now Burden Parlor) at

Wesleyan. Later, the Class of 1938 made her an honorary class member and included her in all their reunion activities. Ever devoted to the College, May Walker loved Wesleyan and her many friends there until her death at the age of 104. She was the mother of Patricia Walker Bass, former professor of English at Wesleyan, and mother-in-law to Thomas L. Bass, former chair of the Wesleyan College Board of Trustees.

## MEDITATIONS ON A LIFE

*"Writing is the attempt of one person to bear witness. When it is done honestly and well, the attempt, whatever the form, will unearth not answers, but questions. The questions came before us and will remain long after we are gone."* – KATHY A. BRADLEY '78

*Breathing and Walking Around: Meditations on a Life* by Kathy A. Bradley '78 is not a memoir. It is a record of four years' worth of observations of common people, everyday events, and the natural world made by Bradley from her home in the coastal plains of South Georgia. A lawyer by training and a storyteller by nature, she shares, with precision and layer upon layer of sensory image, simple tales that emerge as parables.

Beginning at Sandhill, the house she built on her family farm, Bradley takes the reader with her as she walks miles of dirt roads with the dogs Lily and Tamar, alert to the details of rural living—the movement of the seasons, the nearness and unpredictability of wildlife, the sights and sounds otherwise drowned out by twenty-first-century living. The meandering continues down the Atlantic beaches, the shorelines of inland lakes, backroads, and interstates. Like a paleontologist, Bradley uncovers joy in the magic and mystery of the familiar and the brand new.

Her book is punctuated by joy with moments of questioning and uncertainty, moments when doubt challenges faith. In these moments, when Bradley struggles to bring order to her own life, she clearly articulates universal truths that weave through all our stories as ribbons of continuity and hope.

Bradley lives and writes in Bulloch County, Georgia, on a farm which, she is quick to point out, "is two miles from the nearest paved road." She earned her JD from the Walter F. George School of Law of Mercer University and currently serves as assistant district attorney for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit. *Breathing and Walking Around* is the inaugural winner of the 2010 Will D. Campbell Award for Creative Nonfiction from Mercer University Press. The award is given to the best nonfiction manuscript that speaks to the human condition in a Southern context.



*Statesboro Signing.* Statesboro, GA, area Wesleyannes meet with the author for a signing of her new book. *Front row from left:* Libba Cook Smith '46, Helen Proctor Watson '46, Virginia Rushing Trapnell '46; *Back row from left:* Lynda Worley Hamilton '65, Author Kathy Bradley, Abbie Smoak Lacienski '01, and Emma Lou Keaton Franklin '62.

# A DAY IN THE LIFE

Of a surgical mission team in Bolivia



Gay Garrett '87 and Robin Wood '87

Story and Photos by Gay Garrett '87, M.D.

In late January 2012, Robin Wood '87 and I traveled to Bolivia as part of a surgical mission team with Solidarity Bridge. Solidarity Bridge is a non-profit organization based in Chicago with a mission of providing critical medical care to those living in poverty in Bolivia and Paraguay. I had been a surgeon on two prior mission trips to Bolivia in 2010 and 2011. This time, I asked Robin to join us as one of our Spanish translators. Solidarity Bridge has several mission trips every year providing care in many medical disciplines. One of the core areas of interest is in providing surgical care to the poor and improving the quality of surgical care for all Bolivians through working with and mentoring local surgeons.

Our team consisted of three surgeons, three anesthesiologists, three physician assistants, two translators and multiple other support personnel. We were to work at three different hospitals in central Bolivia. We spent months collecting donated surgical supplies prior to our departure. Everything that we require must be carried with us, as supplies in the country are very limited

and often unusable. Supplies were needed for everything from advanced laparoscopic, complex cancer surgery, and chest surgery. A total of seventeen missionaries carried in medical supplies worth \$856,000.

We arrived in Cochabamba to a glorious day with sunny skies and temperatures in the 80s. We were met by our local team based in Bolivia, who quickly had us packed up and transported to our hotel. After a much needed nap and a quick meal, we began the monumental task of unpacking and organizing our gear.

The following day Robin and I, with our team and our equipment, left on an arduous journey of four hours through mountain passes on hand laid cobblestone roads to the town of Aiquile. In Aiquile we were to launch our collaboration with Doctors Without Borders (MSF). MSF has a project in Aiquile treating patients with Chaga's disease. Chaga's disease is a tropical, parasitic disease endemic to Central and South America. The insects that transmit Chaga's live in the thatch and adobe from which the rural poor make their homes. If treated

acutely, Chaga's is nearly 90% curable. However, the cost of the therapy makes treatment financially out of reach for most people with Chaga's disease. One of the manifestations of Chaga's is a massively enlarged colon that does not work properly leading to malnutrition and eventual starvation. Our job was to evaluate the feasibility of and initiate a program providing free colectomies to the poor in Aiquile afflicted with this disease. If successful, we would then move forward with additional trips in the future.

Sunday when we arrived in Aiquile, the employees of Hospital Carmen Lopez were striking to protest the lack of a pharmacist. Our team was unable to inspect the only operating room because the nurse with the only key was on strike. Luckily, our patients were in the hospital waiting, and we began the pre-operative screening process. We felt that we could safely do between eight and ten colon resections in the time that we would be in Aiquile. This may not sound like a lot. In a US hospital, we could easily do two or three times that

number of cases. However, we had to be sure that our efforts did not overwhelm the poorly equipped and staffed hospital.

When word of mouth spread that a surgical team would be coming to perform free colectomies over forty patients showed up to be screened. Bolivia has free public health care for children until the age of five and for pregnant women. Otherwise, patients must pay for their care. The majority of people living in the Aiquile area are subsistence farmers and the cost of a colectomy is more than they would make in a lifetime.

We arrived at the hospital the next day ready to start operating. As is usual with specialized mission trips, there are always unexpected hurdles to clear. Due to the strike, we did not have an OR nurse. Luckily, Robin bravely jumped in and filled that role for us, the ultimate "on the job training." As well, it turned out the anesthesia machine that we had seen through the OR door window the night before didn't work. This problem is not uncommon in Bolivian hospitals. The facilities



will have machinery, but are unable to afford the repairs or maintenance required to keep it working. Immediately Dr. Pita, our team anesthesiologist, and I had to decide if it would even be possible to perform surgery safely at this remote hospital. It was depressing to think that we had literally traveled over oceans and mountains to get here to find that we could not safely take care of patients. Luckily, a local Bolivian anesthesiologist saved the day by bringing her personal anesthesia delivery device (calling it a machine would be overstating it) that, while simple, was safe and effective. At last, we could begin operating.

During the course of the week, three teams completed nine colectomies at Hospital Carmen Lopez, seventeen colectomies and complex cancer operations at Instituto Gastroenterologico, and ten advanced laparoscopic cases at Hospital Santa Maria in Cochabamba.

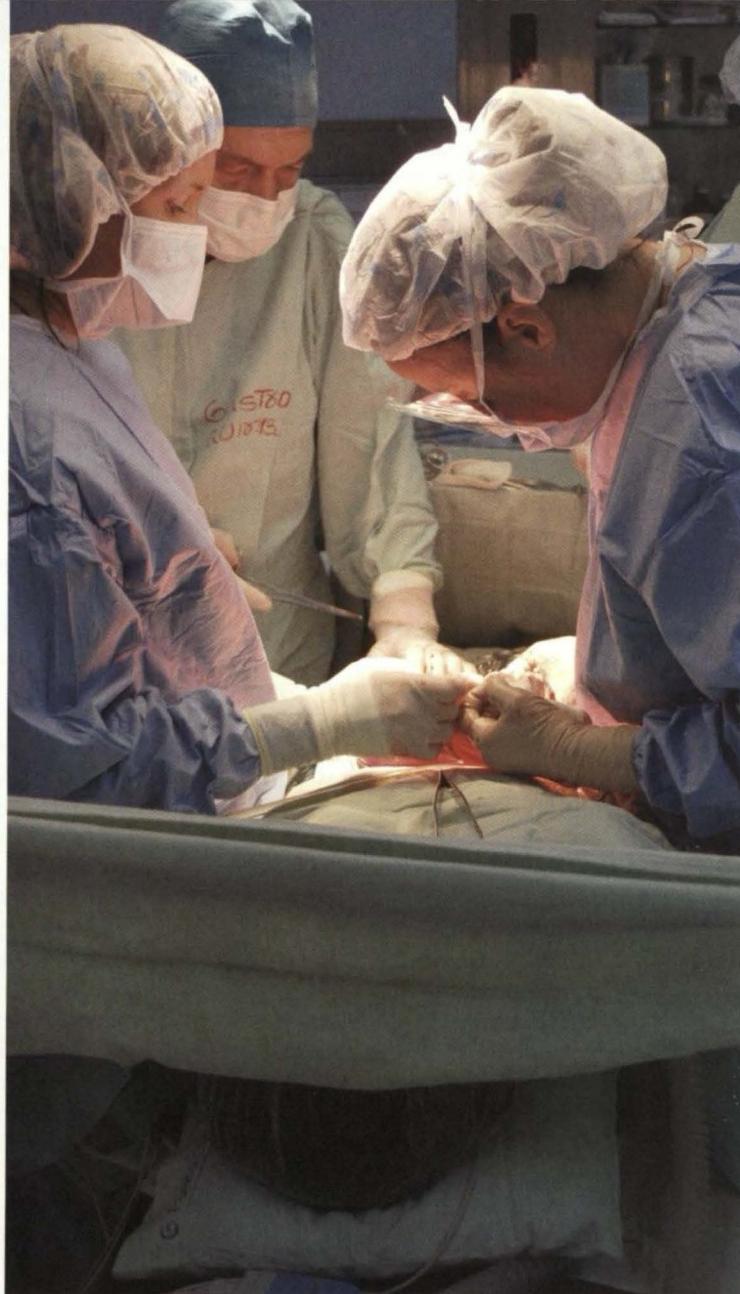
Upon leaving, it was evident that the need for surgery is so great and that our efforts, while a good start, were only a small fraction of the work that needs to be done. At this point, Solidarity Bridge is working with MSF to facilitate additional trips in the future. You can read more about the efforts at [solidaritybridge.org](http://solidaritybridge.org).

#### About Gay

Meredith G. Garrett '87, M.D. is a 1991 graduate of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and completed her surgical residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Following residency training, she fulfilled her scholarship obligation with the U.S. Army, serving in Korea and Northern Virginia. In Korea, she served as the Medical Commander of the 135th Forward Surgical Team, specializing in battlefield surgery.

In private practice at Anne Arundel Medical Center she served as Program Director for Breast Cancer Survivors through her affiliation with the Breast Center. She also maintained an active role in the surgical training program for the Breast Surgery fellowship at Anne Arundel Medical Center and for the general surgery residency program at Washington Hospital Center.

Dr. Garrett joined Foxhall Surgical Associates in 2004 where she specializes in advanced laparoscopic surgery, breast ultrasound, minimally invasive breast biopsy, sentinel lymph node biopsy for melanoma and breast cancer, and surgery of the stomach, intestines and colon. She is currently involved in the initiation of a new Bariatric Program at Sibley Memorial Hospital.





After raising more than \$50,000 in honor of their 50th Reunion in 2011, representatives of the Class of 1961 returned to campus during Alumnae Weekend to present the newly established Class of 1961 Scholarship Award for the first time. (Pictured) Class of 1961 representatives: Norma Mullings Hunt, Sandra Combs Lewis, Flo Bloodworth Mellard, and Scholarship Recipient Kendal Binion, and at the podium Jean Cain Gaddis, Scholarship Committee Chair.

## The Class of 1961 Endowed Scholarship

Six years ago, an extraordinary group of alumnae began planning an especially meaningful gift to the College. At their 45th Reunion, the members of the Class of 1961 set a goal to raise \$50,000 in honor of their 50th Reunion. They worked diligently, gave generously, and achieved that ambitious goal. Last year, at the annual meeting of the 2011 Alumnae Weekend, they presented that wonderful gift to the College and established the Class of 1961 Endowed Scholarship.

This year, during the annual meeting of the 2012 Alumnae Weekend, representatives from the class returned to campus to present the scholarship to the very first student recipient, Kendal Binion. The Class of 1961 Scholarship Committee Chair Jean Cain Gaddis presented the award along with three representatives from the Class of 1961: Flo Bloodworth Mellard, Sandra Combs Lewis, and Norma Mullings Hunt.

"As the Committee Chairperson," said Jean, "I'm thrilled that we raised more than our goal of \$50,000 – and more than \$52,000 to date! We'll continue to add to the scholarship fund in future years, too. Presenting the first award during the Annual Meeting was a wonderful experience and we are so impressed with the recipient chosen by the College."

"I look forward to sharing the news of future recipients and other information related to the award with my classmates. Getting to know future scholarship recipients will become another meaningful way to keep our class close. We will change many lives with this scholarship, and I thank every member of the Class of 1961 who invested in this exciting project."

Jean offered special thanks to the members of the Scholarship Committee who worked diligently to determine selection criteria and other important details of the agreement: Ann Frost Copeland, JoAnne Miller Gaede, Mary Grace Averett Kay, Ermine Owenby, Linda Vogel Pfleger, Jeanette Loflin Shackelford, and Martha Kinsey Skirven.

The Class of 1961 Endowed Scholarship will be awarded annually to a rising junior or a rising senior at Wesleyan College who is a United States citizen, attending full-time and who has demonstrated leadership through participation in campus activities. The recipient must be a member of either the Pirate or Golden Heart sisterhood classes. Preference will be given to a student with financial need. If awarded to a junior, the scholarship may be renewed for the senior year after successful completion of the junior year.

**Kendal Binion:** the first recipient of the Class of 1961 Endowed Scholarship. Kendal, a native of Senoia, Georgia, is a Pirate and is pursuing a double major in psychology and women's studies. She presented research at the Southeastern Psychology Association conference and received the top prize for her research paper during the 2012 Wesleyan College Women's Studies Symposium. In addition to her commitment to academic excellence, Kendal has demonstrated the ideals of a true Wesleyan woman and leader. She is the recipient of the 2012 Student Government Association Student Leadership Award, which is given annually to a student who exhibits outstanding leadership skills and leadership potential.

Kendal has been actively involved at Wesleyan since she arrived, serving in leadership roles of Junior Marshal, Resident Advisor, and WAVE member. She served as the Student Government Association President this year and has been re-elected for the 2012-2013 academic year. Off campus, Kendal is a regular volunteer with Crisis Line and Safe House, Macon's shelter for battered women and children. She also serves as a local hospital response volunteer and helps promote awareness about sexual assault. She can be called at any hour of the night and often stays at the hospital with a client for several hours at a time. Kendal's active volunteerism with Crisis Line and Safe House as an advocate and a hospital response volunteer is not only inspiring other volunteers but also helping prepare her for her future goal of opening a rape crisis center in her hometown community.

Kendal is the recipient of the Loula Evans Jones Scholarship, Louise Frederick Hays Scholarship for service, and two premier Methodist scholarships – the Clark & Ruby Baker Scholarship and the Margaret A. Pitts Scholarship.

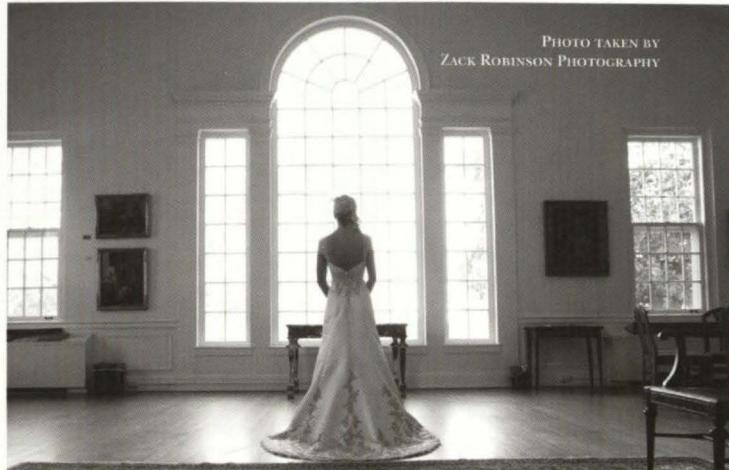


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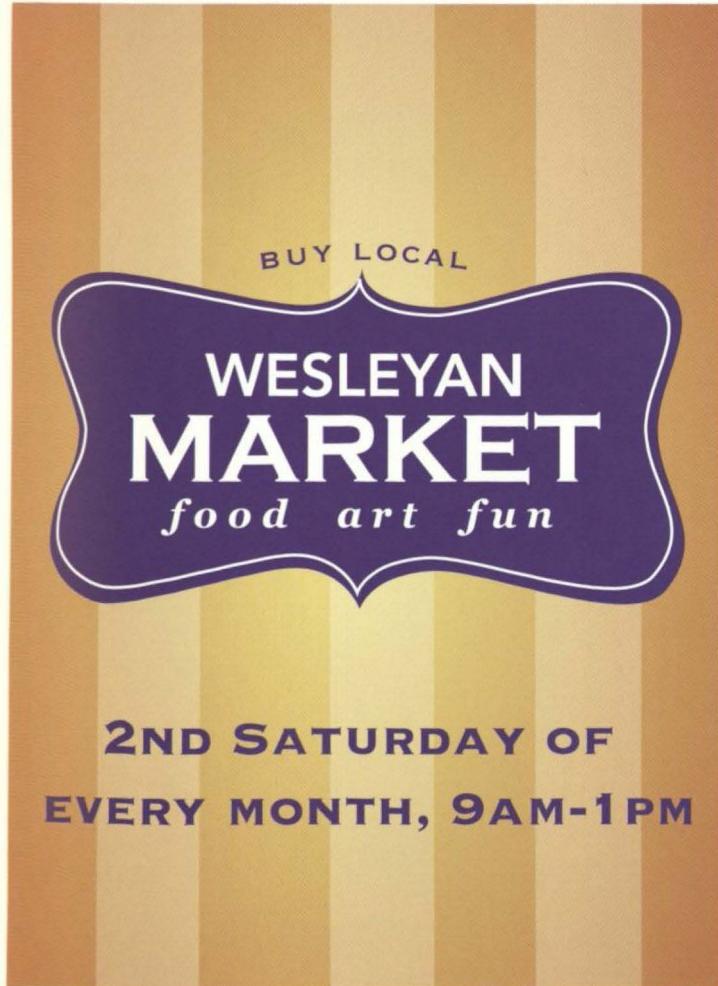


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